



Eric Poehlman, right, in Universite de Montreal lab (Boston.com News)

## UVM researcher guilty of fraud

**Falsifying data lands former UVM med school prof in federal prison**

STAFF REPORT

After pleading guilty in the spring of 2005 to one count of making false assertions in a successful 1999 grant application worth \$542,000, former UVM medical school researcher Eric Poehlman was sentenced this June for acts of scientific fraud.

The sentence sends Poehlman to federal prison work camp in Maryland for a year and a day and is the first case of this kind in which the guilty party has been given jail time.

Poehlman admitted to his own academic impropriety that lasted a decade beginning in 1992. During this time Poehlman used falsified information in applications to obtain \$2.9 million in federal grants from the NIH and USDA.

During the sentencing, Judge William Sessions III, though concerned with the money, was far more emphatic about the less direct ramifications of Poehlman's actions.

"When you commit this kind of misconduct, you put at risk a community's acceptance of all scientific and medical research. You put at risk fully the work of other scientists," Sessions said to Poehlman.

"When scientists use their skill, their intelligence, their sophistication, their position of trust to do something that puts people at risk, that is extraordinarily serious."

While Poehlman's sentence is unprecedented, the conviction is not.



Poehlman with lawyer (Peter Huoppi/Burlington Free Press)

There is one other instance, a case from 1988 involving a University of Pittsburgh professor that led to a federal conviction, but held only a suspended sentence.

When faced with up to five years in prison, Poehlman asked for forgiveness and also probation and community service.

"I'm asking. - actually, I'm pleading," Poehlman said. "I want to set a new path."

As part of last spring's plea deal,

Poehlman has paid back \$180,000 in restitution, sent 10 letters of retraction to scientific journals for publishing his tainted results and also agreed to a lifetime ban on receiving federal funding - a first for issues of scientific fraud.

In a case considered by many to be the worst breach of scientific honesty in America in the last two decades, Poehlman's attorney, Robert Hemley, pushed for Sessions to hand down a sen-

tence more in line with other recent and similar instances of fraud committed by scientific researchers.

Emphasizing Poehlman's behavior and how it "violated the public trust," Sessions also said, "I generally think deterrence is significant, perhaps more so in this case. The scientific community may be watching."

Poehlman worked for the UVM College of Medicine as a specialist in exercise physiology on two separate occasions, from 1987 to 1993 and from 1996 to 2001.

Poehlman's erroneous and claimless grant application data dealt with metabolism performance in Alzheimer's patients, women undergoing menopause, as well as the impact of aging on older men and women, and the impact of hormone replacement therapy on obesity in postmenopausal women.

The June 29th conviction brings a long history of controversy and litigation to an end.

Poehlman had fought allegations of academic dishonesty on several different occasions. However, after being reported by an assistant in 2000, Poehlman sued UVM in federal court in an attempt to withhold the University's investigation findings from the federal government.

The assistant who brought on those allegations, Walter DeNiro (now 29), who will begin medical school at UVM this fall, believes the case sends a timely message.

"There's a fair amount of vindication but a sense of responsibility for this," said DeNiro. "I brought these allegations. Although I don't regret what I did, sometimes it's hard to grasp the gravity of it all. All of science will be affected by this."

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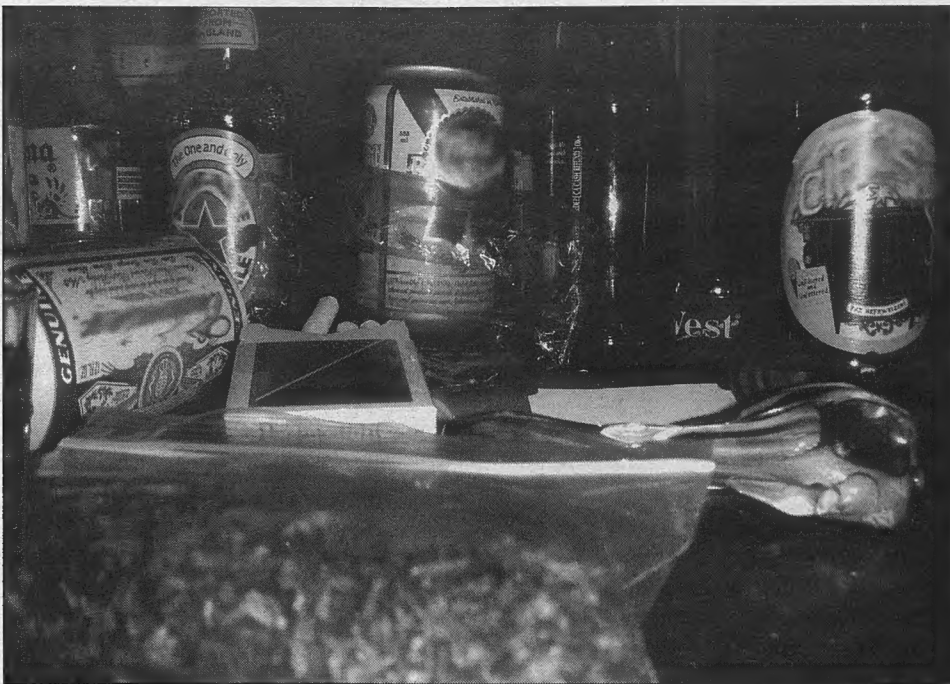
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Numbers show that this scene is becoming more common on campus (C.W. Soule)

# Drug and alcohol use sky rocket

By LAURA PEDRO

Vivian Garay, of the Dean of Students Office, explained to students that UVM decided to reexamine its substance policy because the, "Statistics tell the story."

The numbers are baffling, justifying Garay's sentiment that, "as an administrator we can't look at these numbers and think everything we're doing now is working."

Between the year 2004 and fall 2005, on campus alcohol arrests increased by 60%, student detoxifications rose by 59.3%, drug law violations increased 98.1%, and drug arrests increased by an outstanding 428.5%.

Fall 2005 nearly marked the largest number of student detoxifications ever at UVM, with an average blood alcohol content of .18.

At UVM the number of detoxifications has typically been much higher for

men, but in 2005 these numbers started leveling out with women showing an increasing trend towards dangerous levels of alcohol consumption.

Also in 2005, 70 % of UVM students admitted to binge drinking, which is considerably higher than the 44% national average.

Sexual assault is an additional concern of the University. In fall 2005 there was 25 reported cases, all of which involved alcohol or binge drinking.

"We don't think that making residence halls dry is going to fix all these problems," remarked Garay. "You would have to be an idiot to think that it would make an impact besides sending a message."

Garay fielded questions concerning the pub that is going to be located in the new Davis Student Center.

Garay said, "we feel there is a healthy balance, and we want students to learn how to drink safely and responsibly."

## Substance policy that cares

**UVM's drug and alcohol policy is aimed to help students and watch out for their safety, not to punish them.**

By LAURA PEDRO

The 'Got Your Back' program, and the new dry residence hall decision enacted under President Fogel define UVM substance policy. Their basic philosophy all comes down to health and safety.

Vivian Garay, of the Dean of Students Office, stated that, "we want students to make decisions that don't harm themselves or other students and community members."

When students commented that drinking will always be a part of college campuses, Garay remarked, "We can't just say, 'Go ahead and drink if you're under 21'. We are a state institution."

She explained that the main reason for the change to dry residence halls was for the University to maintain "a consistent message." By having specialized substance free floors, the school was sending the wrong message to the other dorm floors that were not specialized as sub-free.

Also addressed was the controversial issue of 'Got Your Back,' the substance enforcement policy that was implemented at the end of last year. 'Got your Back'

was designed to encourage students who feared the disciplinary action of UVM to seek help for friends in need, without being punished.

This "protocol for medical emergencies" allows a student to call 911 for a friend who is in medical danger due to drugs or alcohol, and receive no punishment. But there is more to read between the lines.

First, the policy only applies if the student who calls the police specifies that they want to use, 'Got Your Back.'

Second, it can only be used by a traditional student and not be an RA. If an RA calls the police because of a substance overdose the policy would not be in affect since RAs are UVM employees.

Finally, there is a limit to how many times you can have your back gotten. If a student exhibits a pattern over the semester, they will be put through the counseling and judicial process.

Though the student who calls is not subjected to disciplinary action, they are required to meet with staff from Alcohol and Drug Services to discuss the incident. According to 'Got Your Back,' the student who was in danger must meet with Drug and Alcohol Services and, depending on the situation, parents may be notified.

The advantage of the 'Got Your Back' program is that the student is not charged with any crime, and there is no recorded file of the incident kept by state authorities

## UVM: Drugs and Alcohol by the Numbers in 2005

**70..... percent of UVM students binge drink**

**44..... percent of all college students binge drink nationally**

**.18..... average BAC of UVM students in detox**

**60..... percent increase in UVM alcohol related arrests**

**428.5... percent increase in UVM drug related arrests**

*The statistics of this article have not been adjusted to the increase of students on campus.*

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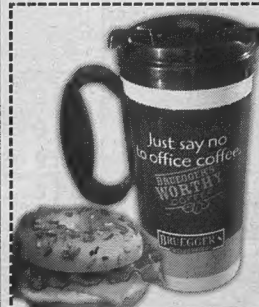
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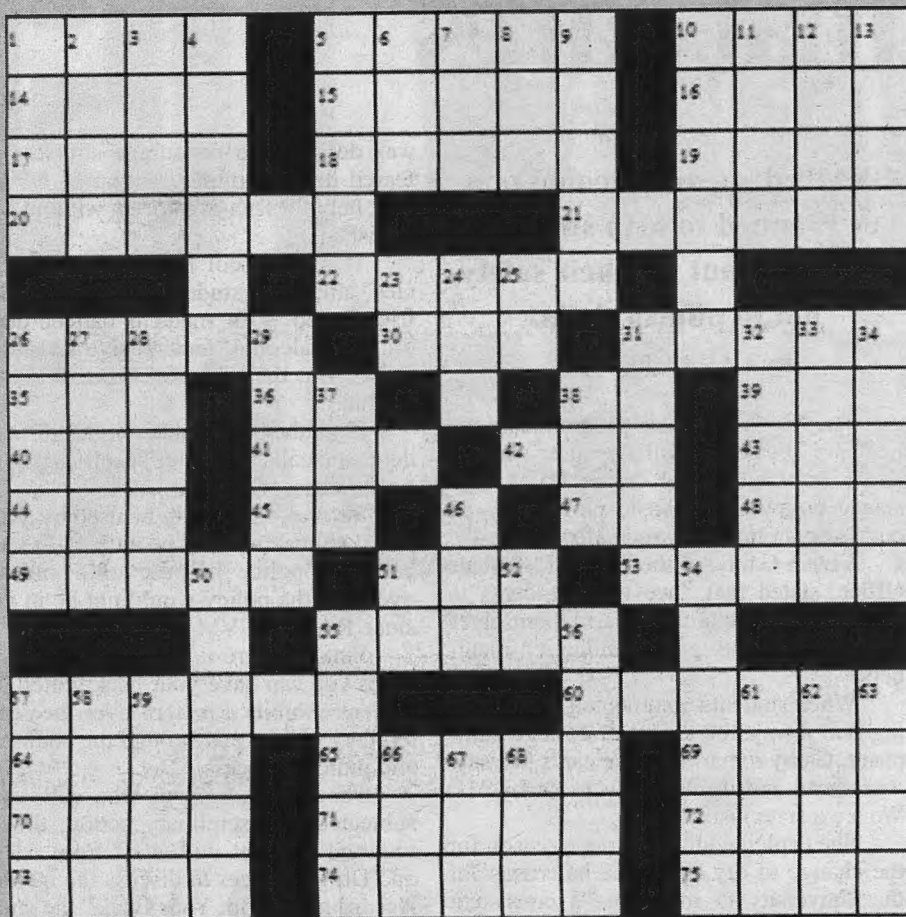
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## crossword

by C.W. Soule



## ACROSS:

1. Stylish.
5. Guitar parts.
10. "Ring of Fire," singer.
14. Very harsh.
15. "wherefore art thou?"
16. "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you."
17. Utah ski mountain.
18. Soccer shoe for one.
19. Wander.
20. Dog, slangily.
21. Spanish demand.
22. Minor fights.
26. Translucent.
30. Economic acro.
31. Is deficient.
35. Star fish arm.
36. Alternative, conjunction.
38. A support group.
39. Exclamation of glee.
40. A question of being.
41. Summer mo.
42. Computer memory.
43. Scottish word for a single unit.
44. Atman.
45. Spanish verb of knowledge.
47. UVM debate, shortly.
48. Brown bread.
49. A fungal disease.
51. Princess's discomfort.
53. "\_\_\_\_\_ in the right direction."
55. Blue cross alternative.
57. Dominant ones.
60. Pirate booty containers.
64. Blemish home.
65. Attach.

69. Not phony.
70. Seamen's training center.
71. Bert's roommate.
72. Male teen jeans.
73. Bond and Hunt.
74. Green and Bowden.
75. L/L column.

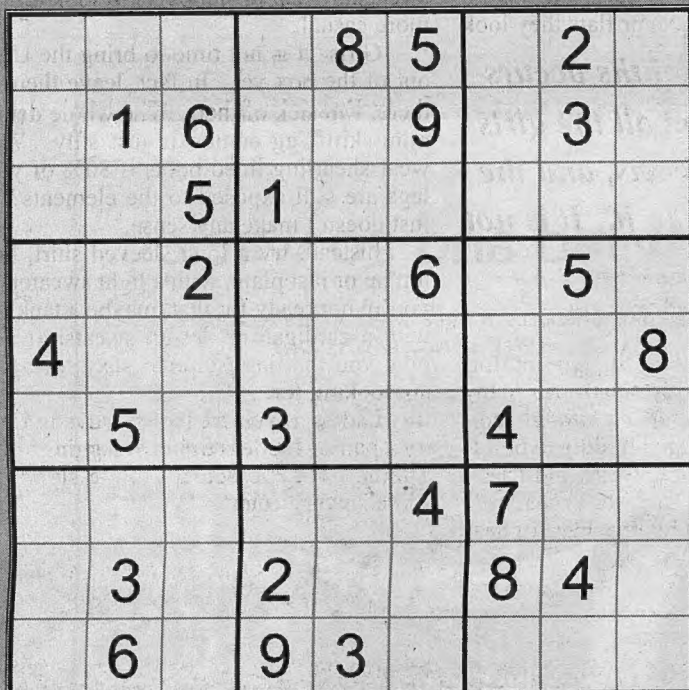
## DOWN:

1. "Shoot!"
2. Angelic feature.
3. SAT question part.
4. Latin dance.
5. Synonym of 22 across.
6. Pole.
7. Sex Pistols record label.
8. Murderer Bundy.
9. Ablution items.
10. Light beer; good with lime.
11. Later.
12. ANOVA figure.
13. Greek for "same."
23. Movie rating.
24. Sum.
25. Toiletry acro.
26. Frenzy.
27. More lame.
28. Gazing at.
29. Holiday meal, perhaps.
31. UVM fraternity.
32. Akin to a graph.
33. "Crack Music," rapper.
34. They move in flocks.
37. Regret.
38. Internet provider.
46. Pedro Martinez is one.
50. Excluded ones.
51. Course listings abr.
52. English version of 43 across.

54. Himalayan guide.
55. Flicks one's cigarette.
56. They cause dull pains.
57. Residential units, acro.
58. Doubled over thread.
59. Make a devout request.
61. Incised emblem.
62. Mexican cuisine.
63. Not fast.
66. Anger.
67. Yellow crystalline explosive.
68. Side effect of too much coffee, acro.

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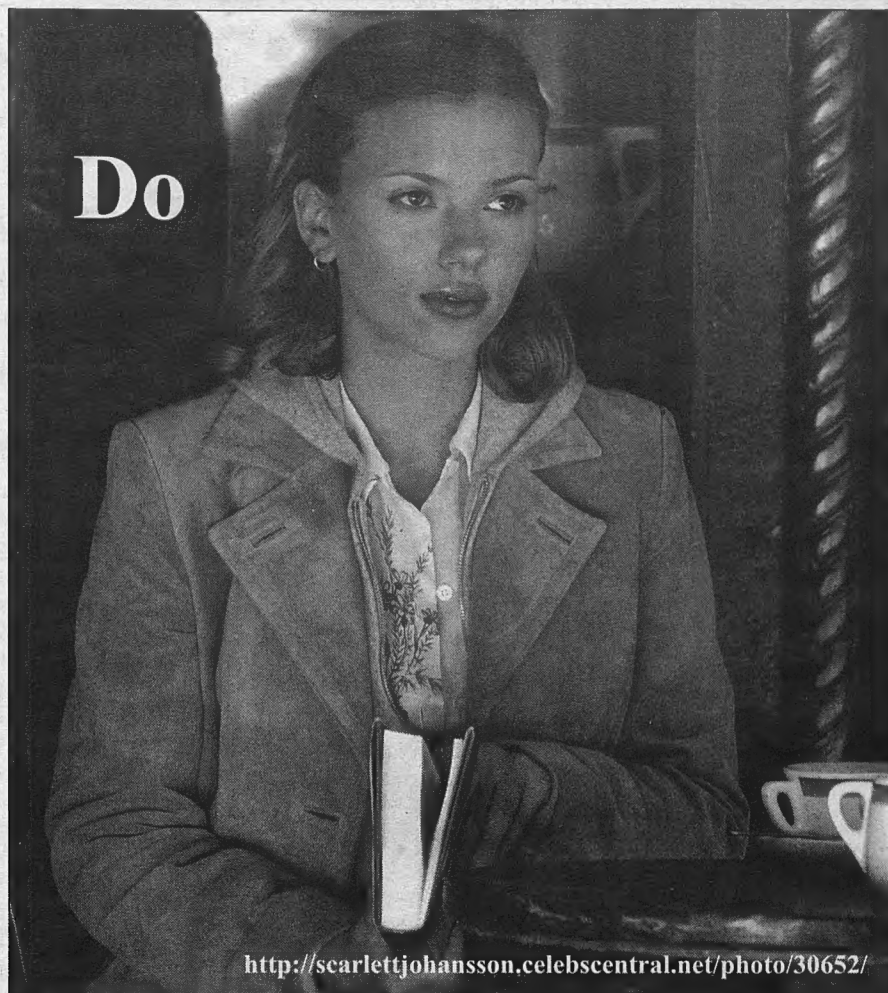


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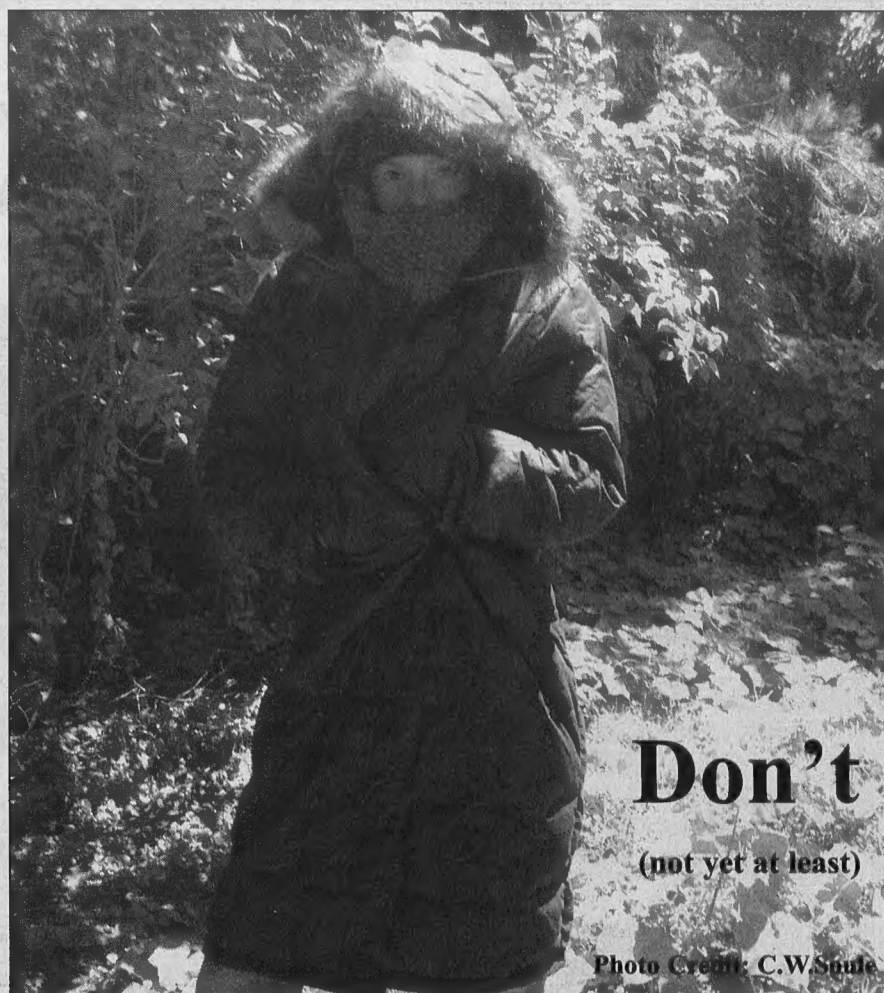


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# Fall fashion rundown

By LILIAS MARCH

The transition into fall is all about dressing appropriately for the weather. Don't preempt the cold with winter garb, dress to the temp and stay stylish with fall fashion.

The biggest fashion blunder of autumn the months occurs every year when the temp drops below fifty and all the girls go racing to the closets for their new down jackets, and the boys reach for their new sexy sweaters. Don't do it. It is not winter yet.

Once the middle of September hits, you're going to have to think about a change to cooler climate attire. Do it with-

out dressing like an innuit.

Jeans are the old standby. Take a look and you'll see that there are many different styles and washes.

If you're looking for something new,

guys and skirts and low rise bootleg for girls.

Girls could also try slim straight leg jeans. It may be a throwback, but with a nice pair of leather boots or flats they look

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cards are a good choice for anyone this fall, girl or guy. Not only are they cozy, but they also come in a lot of great colors (not just brown!).

You can find cords in many different styles, five-pocket to trouser for

really cute.

This next part is key for fall comfort (specific to the UVM campus). As many people have figured out, classroom temperature varies a lot from building to building. You could be in Lafayette and freezing your tootsies off, and then head off across campus and get hit by a blast of heat upon entering the next room.

The message here is wear layers. Guys might want to invest in a casual blaz-

er. You can dress these up or down. Wear a button up if you'd like to look a little more put together, or a t-shirt and light sweatshirt (zip or pullover) to look a little more casual.

Girls- it is not time to bring the Uggs out of the box yet. In fact, leave them in there, I'm sick of them. The whole denim mini-skirt/Ugg combo is just silly. Why wear shearling lined boots if 80% of your legs are still exposed to the elements? It just doesn't make any sense.

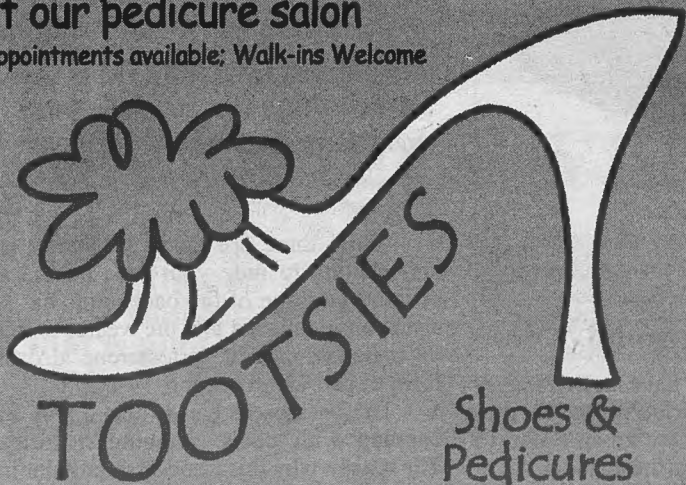
Instead, try a long sleeved shirt, button up or just plain, with a light sweater. If you're not ready for that, maybe a tank top with a cardigan or zip up sweatshirt will give you that late summer sexy look you are looking for.

Ladies, if you are feeling adventurous, try a pair of footless tights or leggings with a mini. They're actually quite slimming and also very cute.

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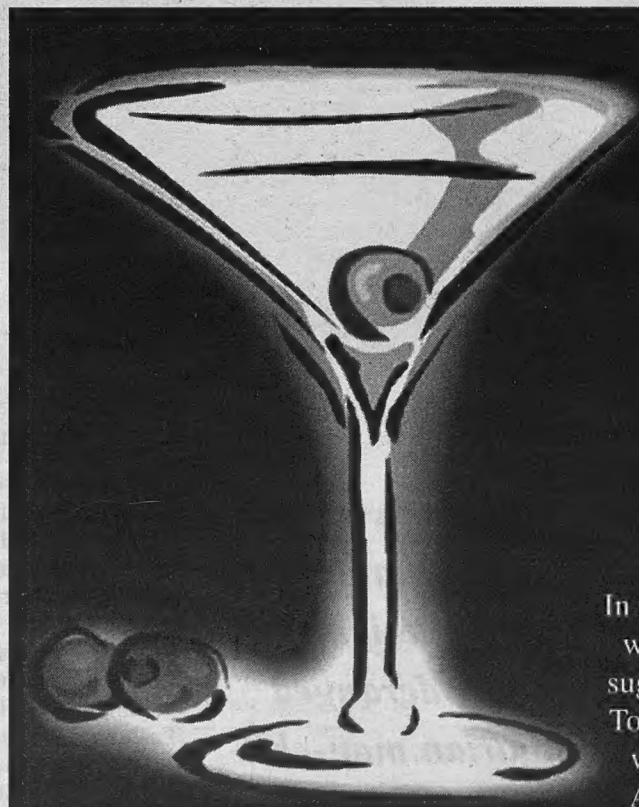
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# Fashion casualties



## The backwards baseball cap

**The style is one that defines macho masculinity and can also be a sign of conformity. What statement are you making?**

STAFF REPORT

A conservative Jew, a suburbanite aging dad and 50 cent walk into a clothing store and they all buy the same item, but each for a different reason. No, this is not the beginning of one of the new "hip" SAT questions; it is the situation of a fashion debacle that defines the American image: the baseball hat.

While each cap wearer has a different reason for desecrating style (religious, suburban, or individualistic), the image is the same. The problem with this legacy is that it is spawning a ubiquity of mentally deranged Faulknarian man-children: the backwards baseball cap wearer.

Until about 1960 the fedora was considered part of the white-collar uniform for American men. But as the sports culture became increasingly popular and trends began to embrace the image of lower class America, the 'dressing down' of America began. Students no longer had to wear business attire to class and instead wore cps, the previous uniform of the trucker and farmer.

In the last three decades a popular style of wearing a baseball cap emerged. It was to turn it around backwards. This trend started with baseball catchers who turned their hats around, allowing them to properly fit their facemasks on. It soon spread to youth and became an idyllic and fresh style of dress.



The look is beat and tired. Put the brim on the shelf and define yourself (C.W. Soule)

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The style would have been thought of as silly if not for early 90s gansta' rappers, who brought a new urban flavor to the trend, invigorating the fashion statement to its overwhelming popularity in the status quo.

In some fashion circles, the backwards baseball hat has been replaced by the forward, or slightly askew trucker hat (Fashion once again looking to working class America for trendsetting). However, go to any major state university in America and you will find that a large proportion of students are still wearing their bills facing their backs.

Why has this continued. Why not

POGS or Acme cartoon paraphernalia. It is because the backwards hat accentuates the maleness of the wearer. University of Chicago professor and philosopher Judith Butler stated that, "gender must... be designated by the very apparatus of the production," meaning that we often define our sexuality by the items that we wear. The hat has a history steeped in a predominately male activity (baseball) and usually endorses a sports team that is considered part of the 'male zone.'

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While there are traces of vanity in not wanting to hide your face behind a bill, the message of the backwards hat is a subconscious sign that the wearer is full of maleness and a testosterone driven form of self identification.

The backwards cap is also a way of coping with one's changing maturity. The reason why this trend is so popular in high school and college is that these are transitory years between being a child and being an adult. One of the steps to becoming an adult is making independent decisions. Conformity is the easy way out of making decisions independent from the ultimatums handed down by parents. It's not immature, but it is anti-mature.

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# 63% of STDs in ages 25 or younger

**A study done at Penn State indicates that 1 out of 3 college students will contract an STD by the time they are 24**

By MANDY FRANK

According to a study done by George Mason University, the most common STDs on college campuses are Chlamydia, genital herpes, also known as Human Papillomavirus, and genital herpes.

"Sexually transmitted diseases are a silent threat for college-aged students, as 63 percent of people in the United States with an STD are under the age of 25," said Andy Egenes in a recent Egyptian report.

50-75% of sexually active men and women in America are infected by genital herpes, with 5.5 Million Americans contracting a new genital HPV infection each year.

Many sexually transmitted diseases have no symptoms. If these diseases go undetected for a long period they can result in female infertility, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, chronic pain, and possibly cancer.

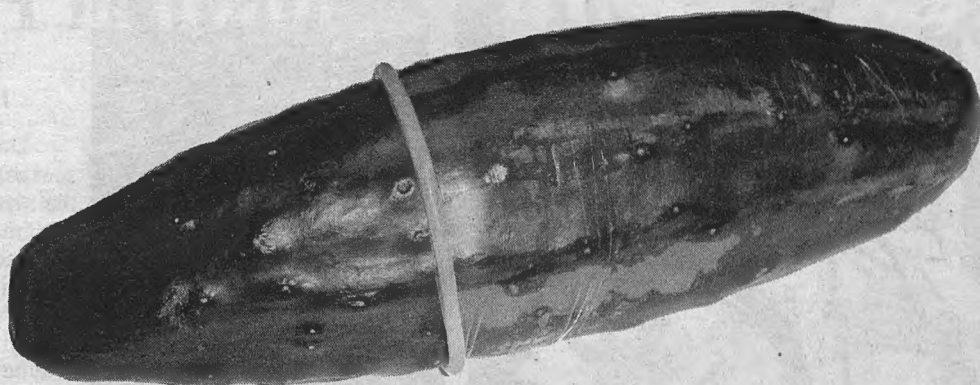
A study done at Penn State indicates that 1 out of 3 college students will contract an STD by the time they are 24.

Chlamydia, also known as the clap, is the most common of the four endemic STDs on college campuses. With over four million reported each year, Chlamydia is particularly salient since 80% of women and 25% of men show no symptoms.

For the guys, beware of burning while urinating, a whitish discharge from the tip of the penis, and pain in the scrotum.

For the ladies, symptoms include slight pinkish-green vaginal discharge, vaginal irritation and pain while urinating. There can also be chronic abdominal pain and bleeding between menstrual periods.

The second most rampant STD is gonorrhea with an annual infection rate of



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800,000 people each year.

Gonorrhea is a particularly dangerous disease because it is often symptom free. It is a bacterial disease, which is transferred through vaginal, oral, or anal penetration.

If symptoms do appear, they will usually show up about 10 days after sexual contact. These symptoms are mild itching, and burning while urinating. Gonorrhea can be cured with antibiotics.

Third, are genital warts. Genital warts are incurable. Individuals should seek treatment if they notice unusual growths, bumps, or areas of discoloration on their genitals.

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It is important to address this issue immediately because warts are easily passed to other people.

Finally, we come to genital herpes. Although the treatment commercials make it look like a picnic, it is anything but. A sign of herpes is sores with blisters around the genital area.

First-time experiences may include flu-like symptoms such as fever and body aches. Herpes is also incurable.

## Tips on how to stay STD free:

The first tip is to carry condoms. If one decides to engage in sexual activity, condoms are a great way to protect all parties involved. Condoms can be obtained for free at Planned Parenthood. The nearest Planned Parenthood is located on 23 Mansfield Ave. in Burlington, across the street from UVM's CC Theater.

While you are stocking up on rubbers you should also get tested. This is helpful tip number two. Guys and gals can get tested for STDs at Planned Parenthood.

Students can also be tested at the Student Health Center. Depending on what you are getting tested for, costs may range from \$20-\$90. Fortunately, for all of us starving college kids, insurance usually covers most of it.

It is recommended that one get tested bi-annually, unless one has some symptoms that demand immediate attention. The Center for Health and Wellbeing is a great place to go to find more information on cost.

There is no guaranteed protection from STDs except sexual abstinence. But if chastity will not work out for you and your sexual needs, then just play it as safe as possible.

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Montreal City night sky line (www.flickr.com)

# The party rages with our neighbor to the north

**Last call is not until 3 A.M., giving you plenty of time to pick between a nice domestic beer or a shot that is pink and flaming**

STAFF REPORT

Burlington is the largest city in Vermont and has a fair amount of festivals, eateries, and entertainment for the UVM college student. For the those of you that yearn for a more metropolitan experience, you need only cast your eyes to the north. There awaits a truly international city, seemingly taken from the Atlantic and brought down for the entertainment of UVM students. I write of Montreal.

Montreal is the cultural capital of Quebec.

Being the second largest city in Canada and the largest in the region of Quebec, it is one of the liveliest cities in North America.

Montreal has a heavy French influence that is heard in the dialect and found in the food, hospitality and culture.

You can write home to tell your parents about the city too, because it is also one of the safest cities in Canada, having extremely low crime rates. Think of it as a successful Euro Disney, except with larger buildings and a whole lot of alcohol that you can legally drink.

Speaking of drinking, Montreal has all the bars and pubs that a college student can stand. The drinking age is 18, but as long as you don't look like the kid from Jerry Maguire, they usually don't card at the bars, even though the border assuredly will.

For the drinking crowd, Rue Crescent is a two-block area packed with pubs and bars. It

generally caters to the college crowd, so most UVM students should feel comfortable there.

For those travelers that are looking for a 'foreign' experience, go to Rue St. Laurent. It is a predominately French speaking spot with more upscale locations, nice cafés that turn into mini-clubs at night, and the preponderance of the dance clubs in the city.

Also check out SAT at 119 S St Laurent. It's a rare bar that is federally funded to display and promote up and coming digital art. The cool hip feel of the bar will make you experience what it is like to drink a reasonably priced beverage in the not-to-distant future techno-art of the world.

Last call is not until 3 A.M., giving you plenty of time to pick between a nice domestic beer or a shot that is pink and flaming.

3 A.M. is not the end of festivities though, so don't get sad. If you have the stamina,

Montreal has a booming afterhours nightlife. The internationally renowned clubs Stereo, Aria, and Circus don't open until 3am and then don't close until the early afternoon.

These venues are a great location to dance, meet people, and are generally the only happening spots in the wee hours of the morning.

Montreal has some great shopping if you want to take a day trip into the city. Rue St. Catherine has the most department and chain stores.

If the idea of wearing a popped up collar is not your idea of fashion, then head over to Avenue Mont-Royal, Canada's Melrose Drive, with unique boutiques and independent stores.

There is also the 'underground city.' A group of underground areas that link many major building and multi-level shopping malls together. Cheers.





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## Creative and conceptual, the Lips will braid with B-town at Patrick Gym

By STEPHEN HAUSMANN

Darkness falls and within seconds a sensual assault ensues, involving balloons the size of small planets, giant pink bears with maniacal grins and a song about scientists racing to find a cure. No, this is not an acid trip. This is The Flaming Lips live.

It's misleading to stamp the Lips' creativity as LSD-induced, since front man Wayne Coyne claims to have not touched a drug since his twenties. However, many fans find it hard to believe that the group is not tripping away when their psychedelic sound is infused with an album entitled, "Finally The Punk Rockers Are Taking Acid 1983-88."

Since 1983 The Lips have been traveling the country preaching love, lust and lube from their musical pulpit. Along with drummer Steve Drozd and bassist Michael Ivins, the trio will be stopping at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium on September seventh for the SA Concert Committee's first event of the year.

The Lips summer tour is making stops across the country, promoting their latest LP, *At War With the Mystics*, released in April. The tour also includes aging rock giants Sonic Youth and Ween.

The Lips are known for a quirkiness that borders on insanity, which will mesh perfectly with Burlington's offbeat atmosphere. Songs like, "Kim's Watermelon Gun" (about just that) and "Free Radicals" (a minimalist piece involving a guitar and a few indictments of The Powers That Be), should be embraced by a student body that is always eager to cheer the eccentricities of the world.

Coyne is not shy about his trepidation for the Bush Administration either, and he often takes time in between dream-surfing songs to talk about the state of affairs on our fair planet, giving the Lips an opportunity to express their views to a responsive and perhaps sympathetic audience.

The Flaming Lips are perfect for Burlington — they embody the 'anything goes' atmosphere of the town and put it into music.

The folks you see down on Church Street picketing for full disclosure of 9/11 and the students who spend nights sleeping on the green as a statement against UVM's administrative practices, are just the people The Flaming Lips give a voice to: the fringe, the outsider, the conspiracy theorist. The weird.

As an exclamation point to his worldly rants and anarchic songs, Coyne and company have been encoring recent shows with a cover of Black Sabbath's epic, "War Pigs," lest fans forget the message behind the ringing in their ears.

Beyond the phenomenally weird concept albums, the Lips offer a live experience akin to absolutely nothing else, except perhaps, the experience of living in Burlington.

Ask anyone who has witnessed the controlled chaos of a Flaming Lips show — the music is but half the fun. Shows have been broadcast entirely on headphones handed out to the audience and vibrating panties have been an incentive for female fans to come to the show. This is an idea in the works and could even make its debut (pending lawsuits) at Patrick Gym.

Indeed, a Lips concert is a celebration of the unexpected. Anything can happen on any given night and it typically does. Q Magazine called them, "one of the top 50 bands to see before you die," rated alongside illustrious acts like Radiohead and The Who, for good reason.

Tickets are on sale now at Patrick Gym for \$30. The show is \$20 with a University of Vermont ID.

# FLAMING

VIBRATE INTO YOUR PANTIES

## Diverse DJs and broad music libraries liberate 90.1 FM listeners from the norm

By LINDSAY BELTZER

Tune in to 90.1 FM WRUV, and I assure you that you will not be subjected to Shakira's "Hips Don't Lie," Sean Paul's "Temperature," or even Gnarl's Barkley's "Crazy."



Because, following an unusual policy that has spanned decades, the disc jockeys of WRUV cannot play music that is heard on commercial radio sta-

both DJs and listeners on their toes and consistently discovering new music all the time," says Patrick Floyd, co-Music Director, along with Erin Sullivan, who receives approximately a hundred new cds in the mail each week. The DJs must dedicate at least twenty-five percent of every show to the newly received music.

In addition to WRUV's longstanding quality control policy, commercials are minimal and its expansive music library places the station in a league of its own among other student-run college radio stations.

Ranging from 1950s bebop jazz, deep tech house, hip hop and indie to experimental, every classifiable (and unclassifiable) genre makes its way to Burlington's ears. Broadcasting twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week can only add to WRUV's reputation.

Disc jockeys are encouraged to exercise creative free-

WRUV is  
for freedom  
your ears

tions. In fact, anything that has ever been in regular rotation on MTV or the Billboard Top 40 charts is off limits.

The diverse membership of 90.1 FM WRUV includes a vast student percentage, with an additional fifty percent being community members from the greater Burlington area. WRUV jockeys are constantly exposing listeners to the latest music from underexposed and underground artists, catching listeners off guard.

"I think it is a great policy that keeps

dom. They are not tied to any one specific genre during a show. Rather, they work with a musical grab bag and a loose itinerary of free thought, whether it be gabbing about politics or the weather. DJ and UVM employee, Scottum Rosenblum, took creative license to new heights by introducing a Frank Zappa tribute show every Monday morning that has been running successfully for the last two years.

"He was a genius and his music needs to be played. I do it as a public service to



fill the needed void," says Rosenblum.

WRUV disc jockeys have found that their role has provided them with a connection, not only to UVM, but to the Burlington community at large because of a common bond with those equally passionate about music and frustrated with mainstream commercial radio's heavily rotated material.

Program Director, Amanda Daly had nothing but praise when speaking of WRUV. Her experience has made her time at UVM a "hundred times more satisfying," she says. "It's so centering to step out of the stressful college world and lose myself in music. College just isn't academics. It is also about finding a thing that you love and that sustains you. For me, it is listening to amazing music."

WRUV membership is non-exclusive. Simply attend a training session and become knowledgeable with FCC guidelines and station rules, and you will soon be on your way of being part of Burlington's Better Alternative Radio.



# Government Spooks Monitor Facebook

**Facebook doesn't just keep you connected, it shares information with the government, hackers, and potential employers**

By JOHN MEANY and SAM LAVALLEE

Just over two years ago, the original creator of Facebook, Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg, could not have expected that his social networking website would eventually be transformed into a tool of nationwide government surveillance.

Nearly three million Facebook users, or an estimated 80% of undergrads at over 800 college campuses, use Facebook. What they do not know is that when they continue to say: "are you on Facebook?" or "Dude, this hot chick from class totally Facebooked me earlier today," they feed a public knowledge base that is being monitored constantly.

Before you all go running to the nearest computer to remove your phone number, or that picture of you taking bong-rips from your Facebook profile, just know that it's already too late.

Although Facebook was originally created to establish a space for college students to easily communicate with each other, it has evolved into a tool for privacy intrusion, funded by governmental money and propagated by corporate and homeland security interests.

The first monetary contribution Facebook received came from Peter Thiel, a venture capitalist who is on the board of Vanguard PAC: a group known for its radically conservative ideology.

It comes as no surprise that Thiel, a firm supporter of the U.S. Patriot Act, would also have a personal interest in the success of Facebook, given that government surveillance of American's is justified by the Patriot Act under the guise of National Security.

The second endowment granted to Facebook came from the venture capitalist group Accel Partners, whose manager, James Breyer, was the former Chair of the NVAC (National Venture Capitalist Association) and served there with Gilman Louie, the current CEO of In-Q-Tel.

In-Q-Tel was created in 1999 by the CIA with the purpose of developing new intelligence and information technologies to be used by the government. Most notable of In-Q-Tel's mission statements is the, "nurturing [of] data mining technologies."

In-Q-Tel's task was to design a network in which people would voluntarily post personal information.

Earlier in his career, Breyer had teamed up with Anita Jones, who sits on the board of BBN Technologies: the company that created the Internet. Before Jones joined BBN, she was a Chair on the Board of Directors of In-Q-Tel with Louie and Thiel. Before that, Jones served as the Director of Defense Research for the US Department of Defense.

Oversight of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) was one of Jones' chief tasks. DARPA was a little known agency to the public until a New York Times journalist unveiled the existence of the Information Awareness Office (IAO) under DARPA.

The IAO has the stated mission to gather as much information as possible about everyone into a centralized location, for easy perusal by the United States government.

Even Congress was unaware of the organization's operations prior to the New York Times article. Upon learning of the IAO, Congress immediately cut off funding.

With the intense governmental and corporate interests pressuring and nurturing Facebook, its privacy policy offers little privacy at all. It states:

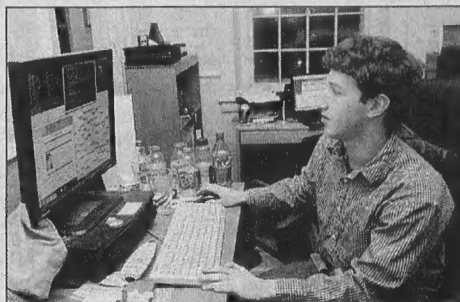
**WHEN YOU PUT INFORMATION OR PICTURES ON FACEBOOK, YOU ARE NOT SHARING IT DIRECTLY WITH YOUR FRIENDS, YOU ARE SHARING IT WITH MILLIONS OF STRANGERS.**

"Facebook may share your information with third parties, including responsible companies with which we have a relationship... We may be required to disclose customer information pursuant to lawful requests, such as subpoenas or court orders, or in compliance with applicable laws. Additionally, we may share account or other information when we believe it is necessary to comply with laws or to protect our interests or property. This may include sharing information with other companies, lawyers, agents or government agencies... The Facebook also collects information about you from other sources,

such as newspapers and instant messaging services. This information is gathered regardless of your use of the website."

One college student wrote candidly in a Facebook chat room that he wanted to kill President George W. Bush, resulting in the creation of a friend group called "I Hate George W. Bush." The next morning, secret service agents busted down his front door, claiming that he was an international assassin.

Facebook might not be a good or service in the traditional economic sense because it doesn't require users to pay money for joining the social network. But if that is so, then why are the owners of



Facebook Creator Mark Zuckerberg (The Crimson)

Facebook refusing 500 million dollar sale offers for rights to the site.

"Facebook may share your information with third parties, including responsible companies with which we have a relationship." This means that Facebook could sell the information that you put on your profile to any company. This could assist companies in compiling data that allows them to better market their commodities to you, the consumer.

However, companies are not the only ones able to collect the information. Eugene H. Spafford, an expert of cyber crime at University of Buffalo, stated in a recent interview that, "Facebook gives individuals the data necessary for blackmail, stalking, and can even damage employment opportunities."

In fact, Dartmouth College has begun to advise its students that internships offered on campus will now include searching Facebook profiles before considering applicants. Many Ivy League schools have even announced that social networking profiles will be considered as part of an application. When you put information or pictures on Facebook, you are not sharing it directly with your friends, you are sharing it with millions of strangers. Your bong-rip becomes a snapshot for the government.

While the Facebook site claims that,

"your privacy is protected," there are numerous ways to get around the safeguards set up by the website. For example, one needs an .edu webmail account to access the site. But that is not a deterrent to non-college students, since those are relatively easy to acquire. Doing research, we were able to successfully create email accounts at 5 different universities in America in less than two hours.

A UVM student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was able to be identified and sought out by Williston police Sargent Brian Claffy because of his membership on, "that UVM website [Facebook]." Charges of underage drinking were levied on that student due to the easy identification of him on Facebook.

The second breach of security on Facebook is caused by the fact that it is not an encrypted website. Meaning, anyone with certain technical skills can secure an individual's password.

At Appalachian State College, hackers were able to insert racially derogatory pictures and language into Facebook user profiles. Actions such as that at Appalachian State College have lead some schools, like the University of New Mexico, to ban Facebook from all school computers.

The privacy statement also allows Facebook to transmit information to private groups. These vague terms used in the agreement only serve to expand the limits of member exploitation, for no brightline boundary is establishes therein.

Facebook is a predatory system. It targets individuals who are just beginning to develop independence and skills of critical thinking. College students are vulnerable to acts of grift by corporations.

Culture and social identity have become commodified products for profit. It was corporations who told the youth of America that 50 Cent was a good rapper, that Red Bull was a hip beverage, and tilting your trucker hat would make you sexy.

The very ability for young adults to contact each other has now become another marketable asset. The main defense of Facebook from its critics is that it allows you to contact hard to reach friends or associates expediently. That's the problem. What the service does, rather than what it represents has become all-important.

To the 80% of UVM that has a Facebook profile, this is your warning: The persona you create on Facebook is your sole representation to companies, the government, and millions of strangers. Who do you want them to see.

# The Abercrombie Industrial Complex

By SHANE KEMISS CLARK

Skaters, preps, goths, dorks, jocks, hippies, hipsters, hip-hopers and poppers have all got some. I have them and I will bet that you have them too. I am talking about camouflage printed hats, pants, bags, shorts and shirts.

Although they may be 'in' with fashion style, in the political sense they are so 'out.'

As you walk around campus you are sure to spot several articles of camouflaged clothing. It's not because any of these young adults are returning from a tour in Iraq, or from a hunting retreat. In fact, the population at UVM is significantly more likely to be vegan and anti-war liberal than the rest of the country is.

Given that, the inverse trend is that a higher than expected number of people attending UVM continue to sport camouflage clothing.

What is to explain this bizarre happenstance? Is it that the students at this University are forming an underground militia with the purpose of overthrowing the military industrial complex and replacing it with a vegetarian communist utopia?

I doubt it.

The more likely scenario is that the Abercrombie industrial complex is cashing in on selling a violent and misguided image. The image being exploited by Abercrombie this time is that of the veteran protestors of the Vietnam War: beards, long hair, tattered clothes, san-



cartoon by resident satirist Shane Kemi Clark

dals, and cut-off camouflage cargo pants. Sound familiar?

It should because I just described most of the wardrobes of males attending UVM. Add a debilitating physical or mental wound and a pair of dog tags and you have a disgruntled Vietnam vet in the late 60s and early 70s.

You really do have to admire the marketing brilliance. Infusing wealthy college kids with the image of rebellious former soldiers who are speaking out against an unjustified war.

The same image may not have helped Kerry get young people to the poll booths, but it sure as hell gets

them out to the dressing rooms.

Why we wear camouflage is rooted in reasons that when examined reveal the larger political trend with young adults in America. Wearing camouflage as an exhibition of fashion, detaches us from the violent reality of the US military, and its campaigns.

Wearing a particular article of clothing is not necessarily the worst atrocity that we can commit as a human being. This is obvious. But, it is indicative of our generation's general detachment from the violence that constructs our reality.

The truth is that people are purchasing camouflaged clothing because it is 'cool,' and not because they intend on fighting a war.

America faces many obstacles, but it will not be able to overcome them without a reality check. Putting a magnetic yellow ribbon on your bumper doesn't mean you support our troops, it means you support some Chinese manufacturing company that made the magnet. The war in Iraq isn't making you any safer; it's just making defense and reconstruction contractors rich. Wearing camouflage as a fashion statement does not make you cooler, it just makes you another sheep in the Abercrombie herd.

I hope for Abercrombie's sake that if we ever reinstate the draft, they start producing Kevlar flack jackets, or else they won't have anybody left to peddle their overpriced crap too.



## LA FIN DEL MUNDO

By C.W. Soule

I awoke with a bitter hang over and lamented for myself as the nausea of alcohol, barbeque and the whirling reveries came back to me in a painful moment. I had sailed to the island three days earlier, but I had made poor time and did not arrive until the late afternoon of the third day.

The sheer vanity of the night. The magnitude of so little a trifle as what it had been, and would be remembered as, though distorted in time and repression. I had left the home of my love and not returned a thought in her direction, though I was then, lying in bed sick, acutely aware of her absence when I looked to my side and noticed a young woman draped over my arm, drool forming a moist area on my underarm, her breath coming evenly and loud and her bare breasts sagging towards the mattress in lazy beauty. Dark locks of curls fell upon the skin of her face and made shadows upon her cheek and my shoulder.

Without trying to wake her, I relieved my arm from her weight and felt it tingle as the blood coursed through my vanes unfettered. My arm hung at my side and was even harder to manipulate into motion than was the rest of my lethargic figure, which felt tired and beaten; my flesh hanging from the bones elastically. I coughed and the woman stirred, though she did not open her eyes. I believe that she didn't want to speak to me in such a situation, we had not imbibed the sweet wine for some hours and we both lacked the altruism of the bottle. Our conversation would have been contrived and without sincerity. We would have lacked the intent to listen to one another when we spoke of nonsense. We would have neglected the polite decorum of laughing at the other's strained intellectual humor.

Very quietly, I pulled on my clothes and slid out of the open door of the fisherman's shack, which was wet and cold in the morning fog. The door creaked on its old hinges, but again the woman did not awake to greet me. I left the shack at once and did not look back as I went. Ah me, how sweet is the deceit of lust and desire.

I made my way down the street slow, but presentable under the circumstances of the reeling images and my fatigue. I walked to a restaurant at the end of town and entered the old metal door and was confronted by the aroma of frying butter and eggs, which cheered me up and made me feel less tormented.

From inside came the noises of a mother chastising her child for standing upon his chair. She had a voice that could have striped paint from the walls, but the little-shit-of-a-child remained despondent from his mother, shaking his little ass in her face. I sat down at the nearest booth and hoped that the tumult in the room would subside so that I could get some thinking done. I just can't think with a room full of noise, I get distracted and can't focus on one thing for very long. Looking down onto the table I covered my peripheral vision with cupped hands and I tried to remove my mind from consciousness. I failed and resigned myself to being spaced-out.

A waitress came to the table and filled a cup of coffee for me, which I accepted gratefully and filled with cream so that the white and dark colors intertwined in an embrace that slowly dissipated into a homogenous shade of brown.

Ok. This has gone much farther than I had intended it to and for that I must apologize forthright. I think that we are off to the wrong foot, for here I am writing to you and only having the courtesy to speak of myself -- I have not yet asked you how your day has been, or if everything is alright. I feel very rude. I must begin anew and this time without the conceit of the first person. I shall now write to you in the third person, for then I shall not feel pompous for the words that I use, for now they shall not be about me. But if you would like to imagine me as the lead roll in this story, with my brawny muscles and masculine physique, than you shall do so unscrutinized by me. But if you should rather picture yourself as the lead character, then by all means, I do believe that you have the right. The imagination that is necessary is the only variable, but as you are an extraordinarily smart, witty and clever audience I think that you will perhaps fit the lead roll much better than I could.

Antway, our hero of the misty morning sat upon the hard seat of a booth and felt the unforgiving surface upon his soar bottom and he squirmed to find a comfortable perch. The coffee was too hot to drink but the aroma had already stirred his olfactory senses and made him feel all the better for the perfume of the coffee bean. Truth be told, he had not really grasped what had happened to him the night before and he was then attempting to put the pieces back into a lineal order of events, or at least an abstract picture that he could ponder over.

It happened like this, I think. Our hero, known to many as Courtney (I hope that you are not offended because I didn't use your name. But what the hell is in a name any way? Someone romantic once said that and I think, with that being said, that all is now justified), had arrived to the shores of this little island at mid day and had been welcomed to a feast of seared pig flesh and keg beer. He became very drunk and lost track of who he was when he began reciting Longfellow poetry verbatim. This flare of intellectual prowess had caught the attention of a young lesbian from Sarah Lawrence University, who upon hearing the eloquence and grace of Courtney's masculine rendition of "The Arrow and the Song," became interested in what she had been missing out on with the opposite sex. After humping Courtney for over an hour without even the glimmer of an orgasm presenting itself, it became apparent that she had not been missing out on much.

Now, it is important to know that before this night Courtney had been living with a most wonderful woman for almost a year and was very happy with this creature that he had grown to love. But there seemed to be trouble brewing and he had been un able

to understand exactly what it might be, so in an attempt to get things straightened out he had decided to set sail immediately for a nearby island. He didn't own a boat, so he found one that was of a presentable condition and color and untied it from the dock where it was gently bobbing up and down, up and down. Without further delay he had pushed off and was motoring gently into the channel, in which he raised the sails and left on a very fast course. He was gone from land in no time at all.

Generally a sail to the island will only take a seasoned sailor an afternoon, or a day at most, but poor Courtney was not an old salt and he was completely dumbfounded when the fog rolled in thick as a politicians skull. He became utterly lost.

He remained lost for Two days and became hungry, thirsty and even more confused about this lurking sense of salient trouble between his lady friend and himself. His hiatus from home had not been what he had thought it would be.

It would seem that Courtney, unlike most people in the world, had found at a very young age what it is that almost every person strives for in life, pines for in sleep and would die for in valor. At least Hollywood would like us to believe that beautiful people would. I speak of love, not just the kind of stuff that one can find on a sleazy web site, or read about in those terrible romance novels. No, I speak of true love, though Courtney being the idiot that he is did not know what it was that he had found until much too late and it seemed to him at that moment in his bobbing boat, that without that past love, all was lost.

Her hair had flowed about her shoulders in long golden waves that could have been a silent breeze blowing a placid lake into shuddering distortions around the fringe of land. Her bust was like that of a young girl, for she had small shapely breasts, but her figure was that of a woman, rolling with curves akin to the hills of northern California, perfectly complementing the heavens which embrace them.

She was the daughter of a very wealthy man who knew that his child was beautiful and was in constant fear of the hounds that bayed for her outside of his door. He was aware of her maturing figure and that she would soon feel for a man the way that men felt for her at only a glance. For these reasons, he kept a close watch on her and was always very careful to monitor where she was and who with.

From the moment of their first meeting she had remained in town for only two weeks before her father whisked her away, back to the adorned halls of Connecticut, where houses stand ornate and dazzling and the people know many luxuries and pleasures, without the trouble of money and the need to amass more of it.

Courtney was a wreck. He felt hopelessly adrift, like a small vessel sailing through a dense fog without a breath of air to luff the sails, which is wonderfully symbolic because that is exactly the situation that Courtney was now in: adrift in a small vessel, sailing through a dense fog without a breath of air to luff the sails. The only difference is that he was now even more distraught about love than he had been before.

At this precise moment of self loathing Courtney heard a sound in the fog, "EEE-OOO-EET." He peered into the fog, deeply, for any sign of the sound's origin, but he must have leaned a little too far, because without a second to catch his balance he was in the water; it swirling over his head as he sank with the impact of the fall. He was being dragged down steadily, though he was not aware of it for a few moments. When he did begin to understand the gravity of his situation he kicked and flailed harder so that he wasted his energy and oxygen and soon became unconscious.

When Courtney came to, he was disoriented and did not know where he was. The world around him was dark and translucent and it became distorted by currents of water that rolled past. Courtney was able to breath and he was dry. Instead of looking at the outer environment, he gazed at the clear spherical shell that he was then enveloped in and he noticed his reflection around him on all parts of it. His reflection looked small and old due to the rippling surface of the bubble, that held him precariously under the ocean.

Courtney became rigid with fear as he noticed creatures swimming past him with their little eyes gleaming from the bits of fractured light that had found their way through the deep water. One of the creatures approached the bubble and stopped right in front of Courtney so that the two beings were staring directly at one another. Courtney noticed a small tiara atop the head of the creature and saw how the pearls and opalescent muscle shells gleamed within the crown of kelp and sea-glass.

"Estoy Edgmelson" spoke the creature with a most wonderful accent.

"Hello," said Courtney, wondering why a large fish was speaking to him.

"Tu estan en mi pias. Porque?"

"Ok, but why are you speaking in Spanish?"

"Because it is much more romantic and eloquent then this English drab that you speak. English is just away of whining conveyance. You know it is the ugliest language in the world don't you?"

"No I didn't know that."

"Well you should because nine out of every squid will tell youso. Where ever it is spoken one can hear the whisper of the end of the world."

"Does the world whisper very often?"

"Only when it is in great peril, and I am afraid it is now in amazing peril and will probably not survive."

"But how will the world end?"

"It is inconsequential when it will end, for once it has ended we will not speak or read of it, for we will end with it. No history books shall be published or sold and none shall give a damn. What is of importance is that where the world ends will determine the trajectory for the death of all other life. Should the

world first end right here, then all of the animals that depend upon this little piece of the world will die and so will the migratory creatures and the creatures on the periphery and then it shall spread and soon the entire world will end and all because of the demise of this little world that we are now floating in."

"This is all very depressing"

"Well it ought to be, we are speaking in English after all. Here listen in Spanish and see if it all sounds a little more cheerful to you after I am done... Donde es la fin del mundo?"

"It does sound more pretty."

"Indeed"

"What exactly are you?"

"I am the porpoise king and this is my kingdom. But I must now bid you farewell and hope that you help to save the world before it is demised and its remnants are gobbled up by cockroaches and hearty microbes."

"Ok."

The next memory that Courtney has of that day begins when he opened is eyes on the rocky shore of a small island. He was dizzy, dreary and could not find the boat any where, but he was completely dry. Even his feet, which were bare and only inches from the receding tide line, were absolutely devoid of moisture. Courtney sat up and ran his fingers through his hair while wondering how in the hell he had come to be on that rocky shore without his stolen boat and without his shoes, and yet still remain perfectly dry.

"What an odd dream I had. I must have been unconscious and very confused." As He muttered these words into the unheard breeze he stood to his feet and felt the cold stones and the sharp barnacles on the skin of his lithe, wimpy feet. Taking short cautious steps up the beach, he oriented himself to any form of civilization by strafing the tops of the pine trees, looking for any wires or telephone poles protruding above the needled canopies. Seeing none, he decided to walk along the edge of the forest and the beach until he came across something that might be hospitable towards a barefooted, niny of a castaway.

After walking for what seemed hours, he caught the smell of searing mammal flesh and he heard the sibilant sounds of jubilee upon the soft wind. Following his senses he soon was in the midst of a pig roast, where local musicians played fiddles, guitars and banjos -- strumming and plucking bluegrass rhythms and harmonies. Without introduction, Courtney soon became a very popular guest at the party and did not take long to transform even the most prude of lesbians into a libidinous heterosexual temptress. Like Odysseus, Courtney became tempted, dunk and was seduced. Like Odysseus, he too did not feel guilt at the fact that he had forgotten the memories of his true love.

So. Now that we are all caught up to speed on the events that preceded the moment of Courtney's frustrated and delirious mood over his coffee in the small diner, we can now discuss what occurred after he left the diner in a fit of rage directed at the small child who insisted on waving his small ass in the air right in front of his disgruntled mother's face. The boy had provoked his mother to the end of her wits and she had struck him smartly across is pudgy cheek, which caused him to transform his gesticulations into piercing shrieks that assaulted Courtney's mood as if the cries had been daggers plunged into a fragile sanity.

He walked away from the diner with haste, though his movements were jerky and forced due to the lingering inebriation from the night before. He knew not where to go but started to walk, looking at the tourists, who walked along the narrow streets, licking ice cream cones and taking tacky pictures of uninteresting things like lobster traps and pine cones.

The only thing that Courtney knew was that he did not want to confront the lesbian that he had woken up next to earlier that morning. So, only knowing that he did not want to back track, he moved away from the direction of the shack. After walking for what seemed hours, he stopped and sat down in the dirt that lined the edge of the cracked and pothole-filled pavement of the road. There, in the dirt, with the bugs and the ants, he sat and ruminated over his previous night and also the strange memories of the sail that he had made the day before. Had he really been taken prisoner by a seaweed clad porpoise? It all seemed so damn impossible. Surely porpoises cannot talk, or be able to predict the apocalypse, or any future event for that matter. And why in the hell could that damn fish speak two different languages?

Courtney turned himself around upon his ass, so that his pants became laced with the fine silty dirt of the roadside and so that his eyes could peer over the edge of a small parapet onto the vast expanse of the Atlantic ocean. He noticed numerous lines of smoke that filtered up from the exhaust pipes of lobster fishing boats. The boats were pulling up lines with traps attached to the ends of them. The fishermen were throwing the lobsters into large white plastic containers and they were ripping the claws off of the crabs and discarding their mangled bodies back into the ocean, before they dropped the figureless claws into another white tub. The Fishermen were throwing the wrappers from their Twinkies and beer cans from their thirty wracks into the ocean. The entire coast-line was riddled with bobbing buoys and it seemed to Courtney that if one were to rise to one's feet, one could walk out onto the rippling water's surface with arms extended towards the boats, for the buoys were so close together that there hardly seemed to be any water between them.

From the pavement upon the land, he Stared out over the water and boats and all of the human creations, to the horizon, were he could not see any sine of men; where he could not see any beer cans, wrappers or filthy lesbian seductresses. There upon the horizon it appeared as if the world abruptly ended and all of the water was just pouring over the edge into some infinitely huge abyss.



# Intramural Previews

**For all of the athletes out there that thought going to college meant the end of their sports careers, welcome to UVM intramurals**

By JASON FIDLER

For many former high school jocks, beginning life at college seems to mean retirement.

The days of competitive sports are over; time to hang up the cleats, put the baseball bat in the closet and throw away that old lacrosse jersey.

It's books and calculator time now, baby. From here-on-in you will be relegated to the sidelines, cheering on those playing sports in which only months ago you used to compete.

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So take out those cleats, retrieve that lacrosse jersey - admit it, you thought you looked pretty good in it anyways - put on some shades and sunscreen and get pumped for your introduction to the University of Vermont's intramural sports program.

## Fall:

The intramural options available for students during the first semester are more plentiful than the leaves that fall in Burlington.



UVM intramural disk champions ([www.uvm.edu/intramural](http://www.uvm.edu/intramural))

**To register for a sport, go to UVM's intramural sports website under the campus recreation homepage, and click on 'Registration.' You can either register as part of a team or as a free agent**

The more popular choices include flag football, soccer, 3 on 3 basketball, and the mother of all collegiate sports, ultimate frisbee.

One game that is more particular to the University of Vermont is the legendary sport of broomball. Broomball is essentially hockey but played with no skates, a rubber inflatable ball substituting for the puck, and brooms instead of sticks.

Although it may not move at quite the speed as its skates-laced counterpart, the enjoyment of seeing your opponent, and for that matter your teammates, slip and fall quite frequently is well worth the time.

The rest of the fall lineup for intramural sports is filled out by sports such as mini-golf, team bowling, tennis, volleyball, a 5 kilometer run, and the inaugural season of a home run derby.

The plethora of sports runs from as early as Sept. 7, 06 to Nov. 30, 06.

## Spring:

Refreshed and reenergized after a month off, students often come back from winter break excited and optimistic about the prospect of more daylight and warmer weather.

Unfortunately, it takes quite a while for springtime to rear its head in Vermont. In order to keep warm during the cold Green Mountain nights, many students sign up for ice hockey and 5 on 5 basketball, as well as yet another round of broomball.

As baseball season approaches and the thought of enjoying the weather outside is no longer ludicrous, there is a softball tour-

nament, as well as more flag football and a dodge ball tournament.

The spring semester also includes water polo, racquetball, wiffleball, ping pong, and fooseball.

The games start to be played between Jan. 25, 07 and Apr. 5, 07.

All intramural sports have men's, women's, and co-rec team options, although some may be exclusively open to co-rec.

Normally, registration for intramural sports takes place 1-2 weeks before play is scheduled to begin.

To register for a sport, go to UVM's intramural sports website under the campus recreation homepage, and click on 'Registration.' You can either register as part of a team or as a free agent.

There are small fees for participating in intramural sports. The fees run as follows: \$25 per team for team sports, \$10 per team for tournament sports, \$5 for individual sports, \$5 per team for dual sports.



Heads playing some disc ([www.uvm.edu/intramural](http://www.uvm.edu/intramural))

# Listen to your "Gut"

**The University of Vermont has an incredible amount to offer its students in athletics, both as participants and spectators. With state-of-the-art facilities not a day has to pass by without cheering for the Cats until your lungs get sore or working up a world-class sweat.**

By MAX WISE

Patrick Gym serves as the venue for the Catamounts' men's and women's basketball games in addition to a number of other events including concerts and visits from guests such as the Harlem Globetrotters and former President Gerald Ford.

Opened in the Fall of 1999 the Gucciardi Fitness and Recreation Center boasts a fitness area of almost 7,400 square feet and over 110 pieces of exercise equipment, including treadmills, stationary bicycles, rowing machines, weight machines, free weights and much more.

Additionally, the Center has several flat-screen televisions to help students keep their minds off their burning calories

while on aerobic machines and a 28 and a half foot climbing wall, staffed by experienced students. And to top it off, the Center faces the South so the magnificent Green Mountains are always visible through the glass wall.

Opened in 1963, the Gutterson Fieldhouse is home to the most raucous UVM fans, cheering on their men's and women's Hockey teams. Also available to students for free skate the "Gut" provides a first-class hockey rink that has been skated on by the likes of Wayne Gretsky, as well as the West German and US Olympic teams.

Also located in the Gutterson Complex are six indoor tennis courts, six basketball/volleyball courts, 7 racquetball courts, 2 squash courts, 2 running tracks and a pool, all open for student use.

Equipment for most sports is available at the front desk in the lobby of the Gucciardi Fitness and Recreation Center, and there are

typically numerous pick-up games taking place awaiting more players.

Admission for all UVM sporting events is free to students. To receive a ticket for an event, students should go to the Patrick Gym Ticket Office with their UVM ID. Tickets will be available starting 9AM Monday of the week of the game and will remain available until 5PM Wednesday, or until they are sold out. Schedules for games can be found at [www.UVMathletics.com](http://www.UVMathletics.com)



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# Freshman Profiles

**As we open the new school year, here is an introduction to two incoming freshman who could make a big splash this season.**

STAFF REPORT

## Viktor Stalberg, Hockey

A 6-2, 196-pound forward from Gothenburg, Sweden where he played for the Frölunda Indians. In 48 games last season, Stalberg led the team in scoring with 33 goals and 31 assists for 64 points to go along with a plus-34 rating. Stalberg was in the top three in goals, assists, points, game-winning goals and plus-minus. In addition, his team went 26-10-5 on the way to losing in the championship game.

Head coach Kevin Sneddon had this to say about Stalberg. "He has size, incredible speed, great skills and can offer a very different look for us. He had incredible development last year while playing in Sweden."

**Cynic:** How long have you been playing hockey and how did you start?

**Stalberg:** I think I started when I was around five. I went to the arena once with my neighbor and after that I guess I started playing.

**Cynic:** Why did you choose the University of Vermont?

**Stalberg:** I chose UVM because of many different reasons. They have a really great hockey program with very good coaches. Of course that was important to me. Then the school seemed to be a great fit overall, all the people I met during my visit were very nice and friendly.

**Cynic:** What will you miss most about Sweden?

**Stalberg:** Obviously I will miss my family a lot; it will be a big change in my life living without them since I have been living at home my whole life. I will also miss a lot of my friends. But most of all I will probably miss my girlfriend here in Sweden.

**Cynic:** What are your expectations for the coming season and your career at UVM?

**Stalberg:** Of course my expectations

are high, my goals for the coming season are obviously to get as much ice time as possible and help our team to as many wins [as] we can get. Hopefully I can adjust to North American hockey fast and be important and contribute to the team right away. For my career at UVM, the main goal is to win the NCAA tournament and I think that is the goal for every player on our roster.

**Cynic:** What went through your mind when you found out you had been drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs in this year's NHL Draft?

**Stalberg:** I sat up all night here in Sweden and followed the draft online. When I saw my name pop up on the screen it was a great feeling. And on top of that I was selected by the Leafs, [who have] probably the most tradition in the NHL. So I can just hope that my years of training at UVM goes well and that I hopefully one day will get the chance to wear the Leafs jersey.

## Nick Vier, Basketball

A McDonald's All-American nominee, Vier averaged 15 points and 4.5 assists during his season at Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey. The 6-1 guard led his team to 16-9 record in one of the most competitive high school leagues in New Jersey. Vier also played on one of the East's top AAU teams, the Playaz.

"Nick has excellent quickness and is a good shooter," said men's basketball head coach Mike Lonergan. "He played for excellent high school and AAU programs so he is used to playing at a high level of competition. He has the potential to help our transition game right away."

**Cynic:** How long have you been playing basketball and how did you start?

**Vier:** I have been playing all my life. Probably since the day I could pick up a ball. I grew up with two older brothers that played so I was always around basketball.

**Cynic:** Why did you choose the University of Vermont?

**Vier:** I chose UVM because of the academic reputation, coaches, players, I love the campus, the basketball tradition here, and I had a great visit which helped.

**Cynic:** What are your expectations for the coming season and your career at UVM?

**Vier:** I have pretty high expectations for this upcoming season and the rest of my career here. We have a really good group of young players and I expect us to be very good for a long time to come.

**Cynic:** What do you feel is the most important attribute that you can bring to the team?



**Vier:** I think the best attribute I can bring will just be my support. I think I can help contribute right away so I can just add a little support to the guys here.

**Cynic:** What are your eventual career

and life goals and do they involve basketball?

**Vier:** My immediate goals are to graduate college. I have aspirations of one day playing professionally, so yes hopefully they do involve basketball.

# Fall Sports Preview

STAFF REPORT

Fall abounds with anticipation. It means time to go back to school. It means ski season is looming ever larger on the horizon. It means golf season and beach season have their days numbered. It also means UVM teams are back in action and adding to the excitement.

Three Catamount squads will be competing immediately this fall, with hockey to join the fray in early October with the home opener set for October 14th. So hurry up getting your things unpacked and get out there and root for your Catamounts.

## Women's Soccer

**Key games:** at Virginia (Sept. 15), vs. Boston (Oct. 1), at UNH (Oct. 8)

After making it to the America East championships last fall for the first time in 7 seasons, the women's soccer team is anxiously awaiting this season's opener on August 25 when they take the pitch at Centennial field to face Duquesne in the TD Banknorth Vermont Challenge.

There are 13 returning letterwinners, including 7 now-sophomores, from a 2005 squad that finished with a 8-9-1 record.

The addition of six talented newcomers should be exciting. Coach Kerry Dzikkaniec put together a solid group of freshmen for this season with two Vermont high school stars, a national champion, an NSCAA all-region player, and two NSCAA High School All-Americans. Look for an instant impact from Jenny Solberg and Carson Laderoute.

Key returnees from last year's squad include senior Cassandra VanLeeuwen who tallied 16 points last season, sophomore Lexie Kaknes who broke out with 8 points as a freshman, and senior goalkeeper Laura Kisko who recorded a 1.71 GAA and a .776 save percentage last season.

Look for the women's soccer team to build toward the season's end and make it one step farther in the playoffs to the America East semifinals.

## Men's Soccer

**Key games:** at Washington (Sept. 3), vs. UNH (Sept. 23), vs. Dartmouth (Oct. 25)

The men's soccer squad could have one of the most successful campaigns of any UVM team this year. After spending the majority of last season in the national rankings and garnering a nationally ranked recruiting class, the soccer Cats should have some lofty goals for the 2006 season.

Members of this nationally ranked recruiting class will have to live up to their advanced billing to give the Catamounts a shot at the America East championship. Look for great things from forward/midfielder Todd Shepardson, forward transfer Tyler Hasman, and defender Nick Mead.

The men's soccer squad lost only three seniors from last year's team and should have some tremendous returning experience and talent. Sophomore striker Lee Stephane Kouadio is the reigning America East Freshman of the Year and Striker of the Year after scoring 9 goals in a season hampered by injuries. Sophomore keeper Tom Critz should only improve on last season's fantastic numbers, and senior back Corey Bronner should be a solidifying force on the back line.

Anything less than a trip to the America East finals would be a disappointment for this year's squad.

## Field Hockey

**Key games:** vs. Davidson (Sept. 10), vs. Louisville (Sept. 23), vs. Boston (Oct. 14)

Coming off of a great 2005 season in which it reached the America East semifinals, the field hockey team looks to bring that momentum into the upcoming season. It will be a trying task though, with the addition of nine freshmen to a squad carrying only 3 seniors.

Top returning players include junior forward Danielle Collins who recorded 28 points last season, junior forward Kelly McClintock who tallied 22 points last year, and senior goalkeeper Erin Hickey who touts a .686 save percentage.

Out of the freshman crop, look for Sarah Meacham, Chelsea Stevenson, and Katelyn Smith to emerge as serious contributors.

The biggest test for this young squad will come on October 14th when they face the America East Champion, Boston University, at home on the fantastic, new Moulton-Winder turf field.





Protesters for affordable contraception (houston.indymedia.org)

## PRICES JACKED

OVER 700 FEMALE STUDENTS AT UVM RECEIVE BIRTH CONTROL THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER.

THESE WOMEN WILL BE PAYING MORE FOR THEIR PILLS DUE TO ORTHO-McNEIL, WHO USED TO CHARGE PUBLICLY FUNDED CLINICS AS LITTLE AS ONE CENT PER PACK OF THE PILL. THE PRICE IS NOW OVER \$18.00 PER PACK

# Women lose as pill prices rise

The price paid for contraception will increase for female college students as the pharmaceutical company Ortho-McNeil raises contraception prices for women clinics

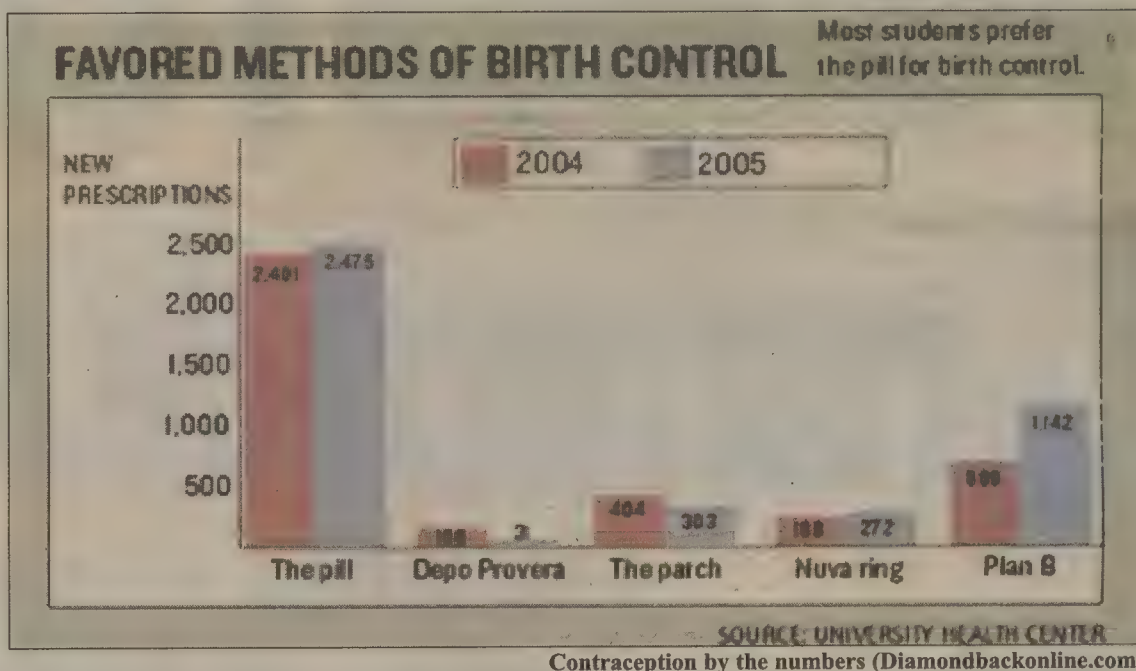
By KENSINGTON R. MOORE

Ortho-McNeil, a subsidiary of the pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson, announced last month that they will be increasing the price of their popular methods of birth control, the pill and the contraceptive patch.

The company used to charge publicly funded clinics as little as one cent a pack for the pill, the price is now over \$18.00 a pack, effective since Jul. 1, 06.

The price increase appears to be legal, but the reasoning behind it is unknown to the public at this time and it is made all the more mysterious due to the lack of warning given to public clinics by Ortho-McNeil.

At the University of Vermont there are over 700 female students who receive birth control through the University Women's Health Center, where the pill has cost, on average, \$15.00 for a



months supply and the patch, on average, \$20.00 per month.

At this time, the massive price increases instituted by Ortho-McNeil have been largely ignored by the national press, despite the story being broken in late July by the Charleston Gazette in Virginia.

The price increase is making it hard for many local clinics to provide the services that students and low-income women have come to depend on.

Supplies are running low and clinics face a challenge to find reasonably priced generic replacements for the pill and the patch.

*"I worry that the price increases are profit motivated and I think it causes a reason for concern in red states where there is little or no funding for clinics."*

Funding is scarce for many clinics, which makes the price hike particularly hard to absorb, especially now, when the number of women in need of subsidized contraception is increasing rapidly.

Clinics, such as Burlington's Planned Parenthood have historically been provided with the contraceptives at the price of \$0.01 per pack (one months worth) of the pill, and \$10-12 for the patch Ortho Evra.

These savings were passed on to low-income women and female students through clinics, by providing free or sliding scale pricing of the contraceptives.

The price that Ortho-McNeil is allowed to charge to clinics receiving funding from Title X, the federal family planning initiative, does have a cap. That price cap is determined by a complex formula called 304B.

Title X currently funds over 4,500 clinics serving over 5 million women around the US.

Title X currently has a budget of \$283 million a year, but that money is to be used for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, screening for breast and cervical cancer, pregnancy tests, and counseling, in addition to providing sliding scale priced birth control.

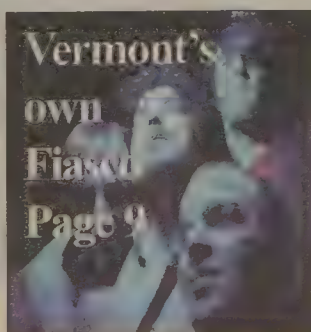
The price Ortho-McNeil previously charged for the contraceptives was well below the federally mandated cap, and because the pricing under 304B is confidential we cannot tell if they are currently charging as much as possible.

Publicly funded clinics will be forced to reassess their current services in light of the price hike by Ortho-McNeil.

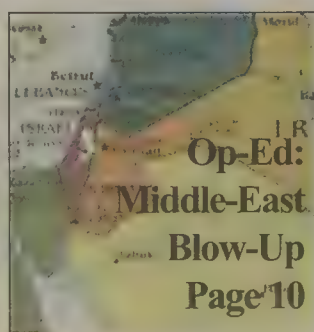
One UVM student, who asked not to be named, has taken advantage of publicly funded clinics sliding scale pricing, had this to say of the price hike: "I worry that the price increases are profit motivated and I think it causes a reason for concern in red states where there is little or no funding for clinics."



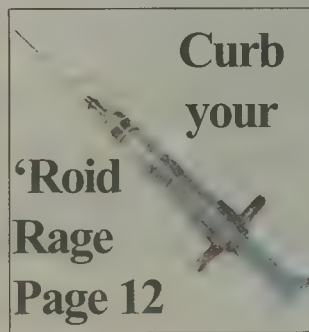
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# Bramley replaces Fogel during Illness

**"Bramley was selected for his strong leadership skills and because he is so seeped in Fogel's vision and strategy for growing and advancing the University"**

By LAURA PEDRO

In mid-July, newly appointed Provost John Hughes alerted students that UVM President Daniel Fogel had been admitted to Fletcher Allen Hospital due to an acute case of pancreatitis.

Due to complications with his condition, Fogel was moved to the intensive care unit on July 20, for more specific treatment.

Taking immediate action, the UVM Board of Trustees appointed former Provost John Bramley as Acting President on July 24, 2006.

Board Chairman Carl Lisman stated, "Bramley was selected for his strong leadership skills and because he is so seeped in Fogel's vision and strategy for growing and advancing the University."

"Bramley preceded Hughes as Provost and Senior Vice President and played a vital role in implementing the changes that have led to UVM's dramatic success," said Lisman.

Chairman Lisman also



President Fogel in 2004 (aacrao.org)

explained why Provost Hughes wasn't appointed as president. He said that, "this strategy would give Provost Hughes the time he needs to establish himself as the new Provost and Senior Vice President."

Bramley will act as president for as long as it takes President Fogel to recover and resume his duties.

John Bramley also sent out a letter to the UVM community, stating his acceptance to serve as president during Fogel's absence.

Bramley said that even though the appointment was made under unfortunate circumstances, "I am pleased to be able to help provide my friend with both time and freedom from University issues."

Bramley also explained that

he was, "pleased to be able to relieve John Hughes of what would have been an intolerable burden—being both Provost and Acting President, particularly having just arrived July first."

***"This strategy would give Provost Hughes the time he needs to establish himself as the new Provost and Senior Vice President"***

On July 26, Fletcher Allen reported that President Fogel was in fair condition and had been moved out of the intensive care



John Bramley with baby cow (uvm.edu)

unit.

The hospital also stated that indications for his recovery were favorable, but the "timetable for his return home was uncertain."

Provost Hughes expressed that he was impressed by the outstanding team in place to lead the University during Fogel's absence.

On July 27, President Fogel sent out a letter of thanks to all students, for their continued encouragement and support.

Fogel said, "It will be a personal and institutional obligation for me to ensure I have regained full health and strength before resuming my duties."

Fogel thanked the staff of the UVM Rescue Crew and Fletcher Allen Hospital for their continued care.

Fogel also expressed gratitude for the hundreds of get-well-wishes that he had received over the previous two weeks.


He predicted that he would return to work in about two months.

President Fogel also touched on the fact that the University would be aptly run by the Board of Trustees and his administrative team, lead by John Bramley and John Hughes.

Fogel asked all of UVM to, "respect that, until the day I return to the office, John Bramley is UVM's only President."


Fletcher Allen Hospital announced that President Fogel was discharged on Friday, Jul. 28, 06.

He is currently recuperating at home.



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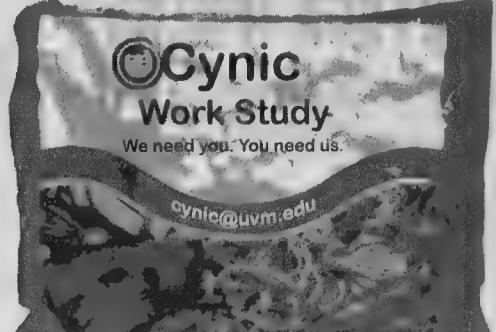
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# Lightning strikes Davis Center



A member of the Berry construction team assists a local firefighter extinguish the fire caused by lightning (Katherine Strotmeyer)

## Lightning causes fire on roof of Davis Center earlier this month

By MANDY FRANK

On Aug. 1, 06 the Dudley H. Davis Center was hit by lightning causing fire damage.

It was not long before 8 a.m. that the bolt struck and caused a small fire on the roof of the south

east peak.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes due to the quick response of the fire department and the aid of the construction team.

"The construction timeline was not impacted, no injuries were reported, and structural damage was limited to a few sheets of plywood and was repaired by Noon the same day," said Katherine Strotmeyer, the

personal relations representative for the Davis Center.

"All those involved with the project have made incredible progress this past year," said Allen Josey, Director of Operations for the Davis Center.

"This small glitch will be a memorable one; but we are pleased to move forward with such minimal damage."

The Davis Center is expected to be completed by the fall of 2007. The center represents just how quickly the University is expanding.

The 186,000 sq. ft. building will include a campus pub, space for student organizations, a 600-seat dining area, lounge spaces, conference and meeting rooms.

The UVM bookstore will be relocated to the center and a new theater will be a part of the Davis Center as well.

The architects responsible for the Davis Center design have laid the foundation for everything from religious structures to parking garages.

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They have even built the memorial center for one of UVM's biggest competitors, the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Many Frank is a sophomore, a member of the LDU Debate Team, an SGA senator and a Cynic correspondent



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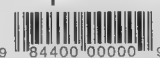
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# Burlington's hottest spots

**Give me your  
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dled masses yearning  
to ebb free.**

By DAVE SACHS

Give me Burlington, Vermont. Geographically, it's a town that is more or less off the beaten path. One major highway hugs its perimeter and the closest urban center lies in another country.

But in this limbo between Boston, New York and Montreal we sit content, because artistically, Burlington is a town that thrives on the downbeat and attracts the anomalous.

It's a place we convene without regard for convention. Here, entire genres of music and art remain in between the lines and without labels.

If you have found your way here recently, B-town may be overwhelmingly weird to you. The downtown scene is vivacious, seething with inspired (and often drunk) musicians and deejays, starving artists, and caffeine-addicted coffeehouse dwellers.

But if the corners of Burlington aren't yet illuminated for you, let me shed some light on them.

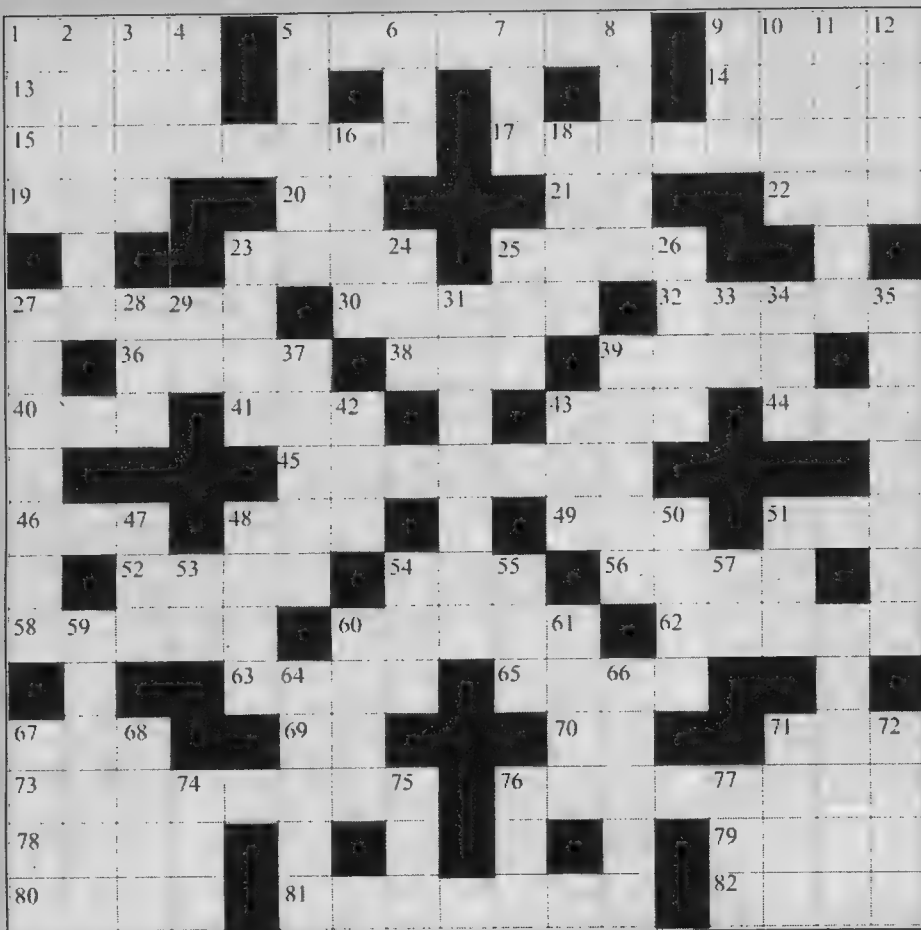
If it's music you yearn for, there is a slew of spots to get your fix for live shows: Nectar's on Main Street helped generate





## crossword

by C.W. Soule



## Across:

1. Without a doubt.  
5. Soil.  
9. Graceland Singer.  
13. Swish producer.  
14. Forearm bone.  
15. Newbie students.  
17. Those without.  
19. Sushi topper, perhaps.  
20. Father.  
21. Personal pronoun.  
22. Child.  
23. Scratch into glass.  
25. A particular kind.  
27. Coffee induced ailment.  
30. Seascape painter, Winslow.  
32. Solo.  
36. Paid athlete.  
38. It's for tat.  
39. Type of exam?  
40. Of the sneaky sort.  
41. Sailing Acronym.  
43. All of.  
44. A Hebrew judge.  
45. College party question, perhaps.  
46. 9 across duet.  
48. Deli choice? Acronym.  
49. Hard wood shade tree.  
51. Paver's paint.  
52. "Aha."  
54. Chuck.  
56. Merit.  
58. Chinese bear.  
60. Haven.  
62. Kingdom.

63. Maters.  
65. Fatigue.  
67. Dot coin alternative.  
69. Fashionable.  
70. Dorm hall enforcer.  
71. They can fix an SUV.  
73. Encloses paint.  
76. State of one being silent.  
78. Baked clay décor.  
79. House member.  
80. Break.  
81. Junkies go to.  
82. The evil alter-ego.

## Down:

1. Out of harm's way.  
2. Surfer's exclamation, perhaps.  
3. Fishing tool.  
4. Aliens, shortly.  
5. Ploy.  
6. Enlightenment.  
7. Suffix used for fool and small.  
8. Fly in place.  
9. Groan producer.  
10. Oodles.  
11. Intact.  
12. Tenth out of ten.  
16. Every.  
18. Love, south of the border.  
23. Mistakes.  
24. Sultry.  
25. Bench presser's unit.  
26. Sour.  
27. Remove jewelry, perhaps.  
28. Fire.  
29. Cd predecessor.  
31. Cookies of a sort.  
33. Ca City.  
34. Ancient old.  
35. A jest.  
37. Leer.  
39. Symmetry to 37 down.  
42. A Drunkard.  
43. Mall Rats actor, Jason.  
47. A man was made from it.  
48. Post.  
50. Female Equine.  
51. Young man's acronym, perhaps.  
53. STATS abr.  
54. Notes to follow so.  
55. Some.  
57. Do again, prefix.  
59. Duke Ellington album, "Take the       ".  
60. All encompassing.  
61. Beget.  
64. Lubed.  
66. Premiere Ethicist, John.  
67. Chooses.  
68. Mexican lizard, shortly.  
71. Sibilant sounds.  
72. Serpent.  
74. Economic Acronym.  
75. NARC dept.  
76. Observe.  
77. A kin to 54 down.

## Sudoku

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## solution

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# CYNICAL INQUISITION

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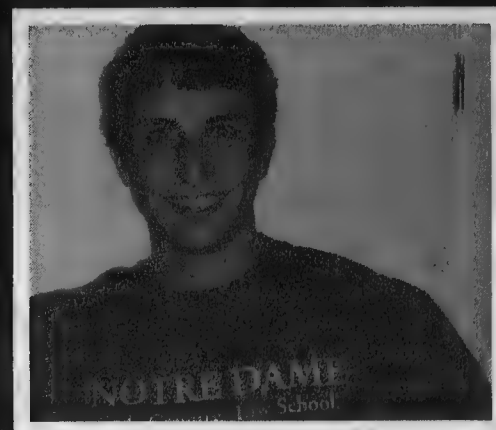
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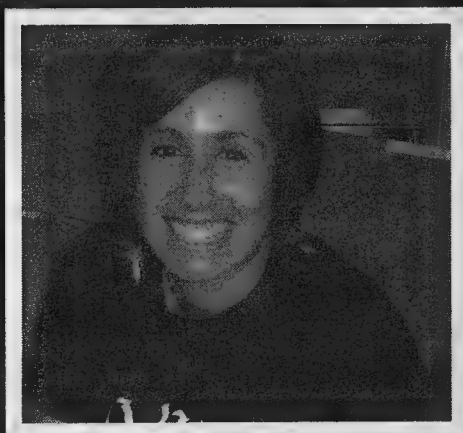
"We were playing flippy-cup in Chicago... Top; it depends on the mood know? It depends on the energy level." - Chris Burger '07



"From behind, so I can be on top of the bottom." - That Guy '07



"Top, because I'm like the Sears Tower, baby." - Dan Schovain '07



"Bottom, I don't know... because I'm really cool." - Karen Derman '08



Bottom because it's less work" - Lauren Opsahl '08



"Oh God!" - Marissa Fitting '10



"Bottom because Seabiscuit is my favorite movie of all time." - Jake Meany '07



"Top, because she won't." - Sam Lavalee '07





Nancy Dwyer's "Entitled to What?" sculpture, displayed at the Firehouse Gallery (Ike Messmore)

# You are not entitled

UVM's new Sculpture professor, Nancy Dwyer, exhibits her work in Burlington, questioning the fundamental nature of materialism and American consumerism.

By EMILY MAY

In the current exhibit at the Firehouse Gallery, UVM sculpture professor Nancy Dwyer tackles the concepts of consumption and objectivity through the use of over 700 carefully positioned material objects mounted on a wall.

Up close, dolls, shoes, seven inch LPs and other objects seem to have been placed randomly; the significance of their arrangement unapparent until the viewer stands back and gains the perspective of distance.

The objects themselves conglomerate into one large mass, leaving unfilled white space to spell out "Entitled To What."

This wall of objects began as a smaller two-dimensional piece that was composed from images of objects garnered from the internet.

Dwyer explored the individual pieces as a greater mass pertaining to the ubiquity and human hunger for useless objects. The



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piece was exhibited in New York.

Katie Attanasio, Firehouse Gallery manager and assistant curator, explained that the non-profit nature of this gallery on Church Street made possible an exhibit of this size and nature.

Attanasio described a meticulous installation process that involved a grid, to accommodate each object, affixed to plates. Each plate was then nailed to the wall.

Many of the objects were found at Jamba's Junktiques and Recycle North. Both of which sponsors to the exhibit.

The result of the tedious installation process is striking in its sheer magnitude and it achieves the precision of pixilation.

Dwyer created the strange as familiar and the familiar as the

strange by using eclectic objects that are associated with brand names, such as Coke cans and Starbucks cups.

These mainstream items are interspersed with less mundane items, such as a dildo, creating a surreal effect.

The context that Dwyer captured with the objects transforms her piece into a definitive statement of the person who owns those objects.

The household objects mounted on the wall, such as vitamin bottles and Splenda boxes, along with a Bob Dylan CD, a Nora Roberts novel and the Bible remind us that though these are simply objects, they still speak volumes about the owner.

The exhibit focuses on the questionable necessity of the objects, such as the portable DVD player or Posh Spice figurine.

Dwyer seems to propose that material objects and product brands, like Apple and Chanel, create within their owner a sense of self-definition. But most often, a sense of self-entitlement.

The exhibit ends Aug. 27, 06. The Firehouse Gallery's next exhibit is Vermonter Ethan Murrow's large-scale graphite drawings, opening Sept. 1, 06.

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### The Casual Fiasco comes back to Burlington with half an east coast tour under the belt

By DAVE SACHS

The state of Vermont exports a lot of things: Cheese, Ben & Jerry's, maple syrup...well, maybe just a few things. But now you can add the Burlington-based band, Casual Fiasco to the list.

Consisting of singers and guitarists James Reilly and Will Read, bassist Josh Cleaver, and Josh Pfiel on percussion, Casual Fiasco had its beginnings across the lake at St. Lawrence University.

Burlington's reputation soon lured the two founding members to the city, where they met their other half in what they jokingly call "fate."

"I didn't know [my band mates] at all before moving up here and we just happened to meet while sort of passing flyers around," says James Reilly from the backyard of the band's cozy crib on the edge of Burlington.

"We were all here with the same motivation of making music and starting a band."

The Casual Fiasco is in the middle of an east coast tour and has played at notable venues like the Middle East in Cambridge, MA and the Knitting Factory in New York, opening for big names like The Slip and North Mississippi Allstars.

So what kind of music has produced this success? I couldn't tell you. It has no name. It is

perfectly without a genre or a label, but can be described as blue-grassy rock-reggae with a tint of Dispatch—sometimes.

Any given song can draw from infinite musical reservoirs on any given track.

"We're like the Baskin Robbins of bands," laughed guitarist Will Read.

Their juxtaposing name is suggestive of their ability to swing from one end of the musical spectrum to the other, and it is intended to be this way.

But one thing that stays consistent in Fiasco's EP, *Body Over Mind*, is the off-beat reggae rhythm as a backbone.

Although it is a theme in their music, Reilly wants to make certain that people know they are not a reggae band, but are influenced by the genre.

"We're not trying to pull off Dub Reggae or anything like that, we're just interspersing it, says Reilly. "It's more groove-based."

In fact, Fiasco says they are not really trying to be anything in particular. The only thing the Fiasco knows for sure is that they're a live band above anything else.

Go see them live behind City Hall in Burlington on Sept. 3, 06 and you'll see that Fiasco feeds off of each others' energy like a cop feeds off of power and doughnuts.

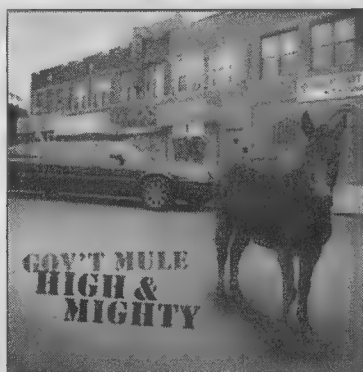
The Casual Fiasco is coming back to Burlington to play a free show in the city that fostered their sound. It starts at 5 pm at the park behind City Hall on Sept. 3, 06.

They will be at Higher Ground on Sept. 28, 06.



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## The Mule makes itself an ass: loveless guitar ego weighs down new album



**For Gov't Mule, not so much; soulless guitar solos make the album shallow and impotent**

By STEPHEN HAUSMANN

Warren Haynes can play guitar. Very well.

He can improvise extravagant and complex licks in a heartbeat. There's a reason he's played with the Dave Matthews Band, the Allman Brothers, Mike Gordon and a horde of other notables — he's one of the best. No one has ever doubted this, nor ever will (he was ranked #23 all time guitarist by Rolling Stone).

Why then, does he insist on proving that he can shred without focusing on what makes an album truly great — stellar songwriting?

Gov't Mule's live performances are proof that they can rock hard. *High and Mighty*, their latest release, proves that they can bore the listener to tears when they play in the studio.

The album kicks off with the bombast expected from Gov't Mule; Haynes' heavy, gritty tone and Mike Abts stomping beat create the slow burning "Mr. High and Mighty."

Power chords are punctuated by Haynes' vocals and create shades of an AC/DC sound (which in Gov't Mule's case, is in no way a bad thing) and give hope to the next eleven tracks.

Unfortunately, things slip downhill quickly thereafter.

*High and Mighty* meets the same fate of many jam band studio attempts. Despite fiery live performances, the songs lack any real intrigue, blending together into endless guitar-heavy monotony by mid-album.

Haynes' extended solos feel forced and soulless, despite his obvious proficiency. Hitting notes in quick succession can only take

one so far if they aren't coming from the heart and, in this case, they clearly are not.

"Child of the Earth" and "Like Flies" are more mockeries of jam band clichés than anything else. The first sounds like a String Cheese Incident b-side (full of apocryphal lyrics and environmentalist sorrow) and the latter is yet another preachy

***High and Mighty meets the same fate of many jam band studio attempts.***

indictment of government, society and all things neo-hippies love to hate.

The songs, like Haynes' solos, simply aren't interesting. Unoriginality reigns supreme, despite the highlight of Andy Hess's pounding bass lines. By track ten, each song feels less like fun rock and roll and more like derivative excuses for Haynes to show off.

Keyboardist Danny Louis plays well throughout the album, providing exclamations to otherwise generic southern rock songs. His organ work adds depth throughout the tracks and his ability is particularly highlighted on "Million Miles From Yesterday," a gem amidst the coal that features a gospel choir and is, not-so-coincidentally, one of the shortest songs on the disc.

Louis's low position in the mix however, only adds credence to the theory that *High and Mighty* is little more than an opportunity for Warren Haynes to wank away for an hour.

Gov't Mule can rock out. A few thousand UVM students witnessed this at Springfest last April, when the responsive crowd and excellent weather provided a perfect backdrop for the Mule's brand of southern jam-rock.

Unfortunately, that energy just doesn't translate into the studio.

The album *High and Mighty* clearly is neither of those two things.



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## Arab-Israeli Tensions Incubate Generations of Hate

**The diagnosis for civilians caught in the cross-fire of the Middle-East religious battle looks grim. Deceptive diplomacy and hate are feeding a disease which is quickly spiraling out of control**

By SAMUEL E. LAVALLEE

On July 12th of this summer, Lebanese militants of the terrorist organization Hezbollah, snuck across the border into northern Israel and captured two Israeli soldiers. The kidnapping, ordered by Hassan Nasrallah from within Lebanon, set off the last month of violent atrocities in southern and central Lebanon, as well as northern Israel, which forced over 800,000 innocent Lebanese civilians to evacuate their homes while Israel fired thousands of poorly-aimed retaliatory rockets into Lebanon, killing hundreds of civilians.

Though the UN has drafted a cease-fire proposal, few have committed troops to the effort until the specifics of the operation are decided. While the developed world scratches its head over how to solve Israeli-Arab tensions again, Lebanon continues to, as Prime Minister Fouad Siniora said quaintly, get "torn to shreds."

Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Olmert cleverly ensured a loophole for Israel by requiring that any deal allow Israel to prevent Iran and Syria from rearming its stateless ally, Hezbollah. Two days after the cease-fire was signed by all parties, Israel's military bombed a roadway that it claimed was an arms-route commonly used to smuggle missiles to Hezbollah through Syria and held that it had not violated the UN imposed conditions.

While on the surface Hezbollah's kidnapping seems unprovoked, a closer look reveals that the violence between Israel and Hezbollah is merely a symptom of ongoing tensions between Israeli Jews and Arab Muslims that began centuries ago, and shows no sign of resolution.

Since Israel's eighteen-year occupation of Lebanon ended in 2000, conflicts between Lebanon and Israel had nearly disap-

peared. Unfortunately, it was the bitter taste in the mouths of Lebanese Muslims that bread both Hezbollah and today's conflict. Six years of Israeli neglect has allowed Iran the time to recruit Islamic radicals from all over the middle-east using satellite communication. Iran has since been able to stockpile Hezbollah with arms that would make NRA-members step back, and build the military infrastructure in southern Lebanon to compete with the Israeli military - guerilla style.

Iranian Prime Minister Ahmadinejad has openly offered his solution to the conflict: the annihilation of the Israeli state. How do you ignore an enemy like that?

***It's like playing a game of 'Whack-A-Mole,' only civilians surround the moles that pop up, and the rubber hammer explodes on contact***

Israel and its' other enemy, Palestine's democratically elected Hamas government, were in the midst of an entirely different dispute over the West Bank and Gaza territories on July 12th. Just over two weeks prior to Hezbollah's capture of an Israeli soldier, Hamas militants kidnapped an Israeli troop in Gaza. However, this reaction was not entirely unprovoked given that Israel has about 40 Hamas government officials detained and occupies parts of Gaza Strip and the West Bank (land Palestinians believe is promised to them by Allah).

Despite the appearance of a tag team effort from the two Arab militant groups, religious differences have prevented Sunni-based Hamas and Shiite-based Hezbollah from cooperating in the past.

After the fighting in Lebanon began, Hamas reneged on a deal bartered by Egypt that would have swapped captured soldiers between Hamas and Israel as well as returning Israeli-occupied land in Gaza to Hamas. Hamas declared that there would be no negotiations without

Hezbollah's input. Israel is now struggling for its own sovereignty, while its enemies play a dehumanizing game of keep-away with the Israeli military.

But what fun is a game of keep away unless the enemy retaliates?

Israel's retaliation has taken place on both Palestinian and Lebanese soil. Fouad Siniora, Prime Minister of the Lebanese government, can only plea to the UN to bring in an international peace-keeping force before Israel completely levels southern Lebanon. For all of the destruction Israel has caused and civilians they have killed, Hezbollah has resurfaced essentially unscathed. It's like playing a game of 'Whack-a-Mole,' only civilians surround the moles that pop up, and the rubber hammer explodes on contact.

The US has been hesitant, at best, to thwart the efforts of its closest middle-eastern ally in spite of the mounting casualties. Many have described the Israeli assault on Lebanon as overly aggressive and irresponsible. Our president was more "concerned" with the two kidnapped Israelis than he was with the Israeli military drunk with hate behind the crosshairs of a missile-launcher.

In addition to the general public response, the US attitude toward Israel has a huge impact on US relations with both Iraq and Iran. The Shiite-led, US backed Iraqi government has applauded the efforts of Hezbollah, denouncing the US's support of Israel. As if the US wasn't having enough trouble controlling the Sunni insurgency, everyone in Iraq is now, in a sense, united in their dislike for America and Israel.

The terms of the UN cease-fire also risks a confrontation with Iran, if Iran was to decide that the ceasefire favors the Israeli side. Escalating tensions between Iran and the US will only be exacerbated as the Iranian Nuclear Program sits on the August 31st UN docket, while Ahmadinejad has already ensured the UN that Iran will not stop its creation of uranium-development technology.

If the UN is seriously going to consider a large peace-keeping force, it really ought to think



A man screams for help as he carries the body of a girl in Qana, South Lebanon (Aljazeera.net)

about the terms of such a resolution carefully. The Lebanon conflict is only a microcosm of a much more threatening trend: Arab Muslims and Israeli Jews are not only in a territorial dispute, but more importantly they are in a conflict over existence. Both sides have the ideological framework that the other must be destroyed.

Yes, Hamas would be temporarily happy if Israel gave them back part of Jerusalem. But for how long?

Palestinians are, in fact, currently firing from land that Israel gave back to them in a prior peace agreement. Give Hamas an inch; they'll take all of Jerusalem. And does Hezbollah really care that much about the 15 miles near the Litani River? Or, would Ahmadinejad rather just see Israel destroyed swiftly, ending the conflict forever.

This reciprocal ideology of hatred and violence toward one another is more like a disease than it is a mindset. It is a hereditary condition. If one's parents are Arab Muslims and hate Israel, that child would be raised to hate Israel. If born into the conflict as an Israeli, one would inherit the inability to look a Shiite Muslim in the face.

When a symptom of the disease is triggered, such as the conflict in Lebanon, it sets off a chain reaction of symptoms, like conflict in Palestine, Iran, Syria, Iraq, Pakistan and countless other nation-states. Hezbollah's suc-

cess has ignited symptomatic groups through large political rallies that otherwise may have never been triggered.

Like Israel-Arab relations, the disease can lie dormant for years, but then resurface without warning. In this case, Hezbollah was just gaining enough momentum to finally mount an attack.

Worst of all, there is no cure for this disease yet, and I doubt there ever will be. The UN peace-keeping force may be the correct treatment for this symptom, but how often do I have to take the pill?

I'm afraid that if I keep taking the same pill, eventually the disease will become immune to the treatment.

If Palestine takes back part of Jerusalem and Hezbollah returns captured soldiers to Israel, will the next generation look at the history books and all of the sudden say to themselves: "oh, that seems fair."

I'm afraid that the next Arab-Israeli breakout of violence may surface and spread too fast for a UN force to respond to and control.

If tensions flare up again in two years, should the UN deploy another peace-keeping force and negotiate again?

It's not as if the treatment is cheap either, you use the wrong medication and you could be swallowing a 15,000 peacekeeping force in pill form... try not to choke.



# Year two of the Lonergeran Era

## THE LOOPER

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Another summer of looping (otherwise known as caddying) under my belt.

I suppose it was a good summer. A bit of a wet summer, a bit of a hot summer. In retrospect, it was far shorter than it seemed it would be back on May 13th. I did my time, made my bank, and now

it's time to get down to the good stuff.

A quick recap: Tiger Woods is back to his winning ways and the Tour de Lance (France) became the Tour de Doping Scandal.

NFL teams are back at it and college football is gearing up for another exciting season. All I can say is Michigan better win on November 18th against Ohio State.

My Red Sox are fading while everyone else seems to be

picking up steam (nothing new). God do I hate the Yankees. A five game sweep. Who does that?

And how about that World Cup? That was great stuff. A month of amazing competition (not the innumerable yellow cards) in Germany turned me into a soccer fan. Zidane's headbutt was uncouth and uncalled for (but I kind of enjoyed it too).

Hats off to the Azzurri for an incredible defensive effort throughout the entire tournament. Quite the summer.

But now it's back to school and back to UVM basketball. Year Two of the Mike Lonergeran Era. There's a lot to look forward to, I know, but I still miss Tom Brennan.

Although Year One wasn't a disappointment, it was a bit of a let down. Year One saw young players stepping up, and then stepping down. Year One saw overachievement and underachievement. Year One saw overcoaching and undercoaching.

I'm still trying to work out

the math from having a team with eight newcomers and no seniors suffer a close, hard-fought loss to nationally-ranked Pittsburgh and also lose to a Stony Brook club that went 4-24 on the year.

Or how a team could hold an opponent to 25% from the field and still lose by 2 points, 43-41. Or how a team could have a 61-37 rebounding edge, hold their opponent to 28% field goal shooting, and still lose in double overtime.

If you folks in Math 173 (Basic Combinatorial Theory) can figure that out, the drinks are on me.

Frankly, Year Two needs to see improvement. Rebounding needs to be more consistent. Foul shooting MUST be better than

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dismal if you want to win at any level and the kids are a year older, a year wiser, so the turnover margin should improve.

For a team that made the conference finals last year, there is a tremendous, tremendous amount of potential here.

With two years, to get his people and his system in place, we should start seeing some results from Mr. Lonergeran. We should start seeing his players go out and play (because he lets them).

They aren't middle schoolers at recess. They're Division I ballplayers. With proper preparation the boys should be able to go out and play their game and start to reap the success they deserve, not harping from the sidelines.

Tom Brennan never landed blue chip recruits. He couldn't.

Instead, he worked for the players he got and in return they worked for him to become the best team they could be. It takes incredible resources and success to land blue chip caliber players, things that until a few years ago UVM could never dream of.

This is the year. This is the season Coach Lonergeran can show us his mettle. Show us that winning way, and if you'd care to, sir, possibly a winning smile. Because after all, it is a game, something TB let us know night in and night out.

Like the man said, "I'm rootin' like hell for you guys."

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# Today's sports = yesterday's chemistry

**With the steroid use running rampant sports fans are left with visions of a shady future**

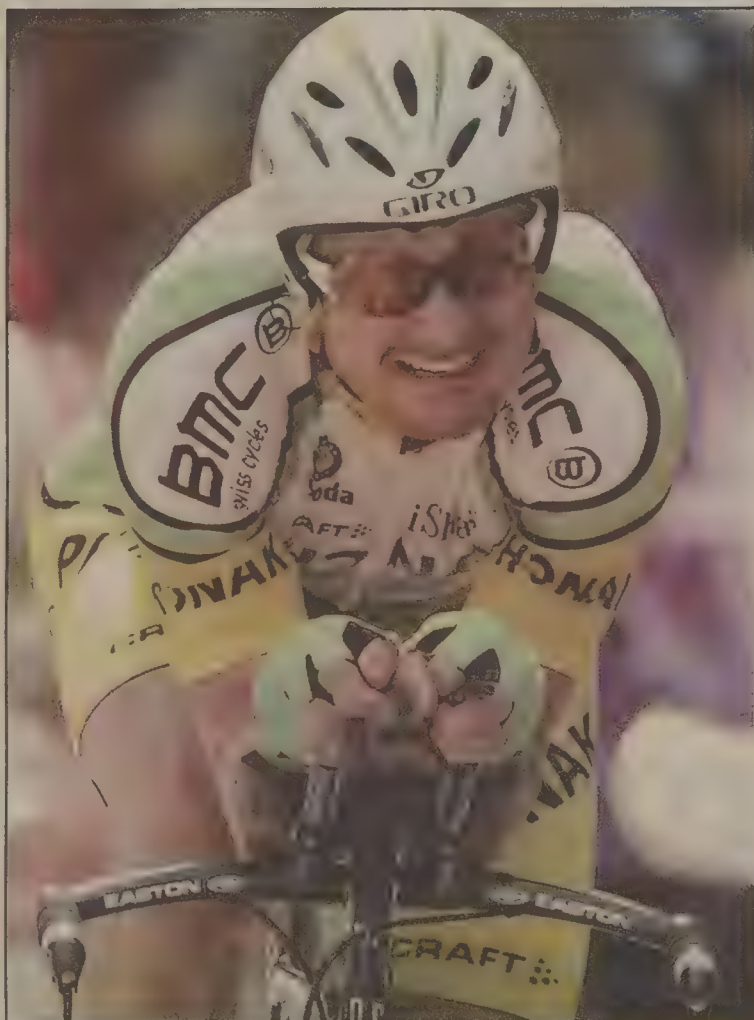
By MAX WISE

Here we've found ourselves. As the world's greatest athletes are being plucked from competitions and having their titles stripped away one by one due to steroid use, sports fans worldwide are left to ponder, "When will these steroid problems finally disappear?"

The sad and painful truth is that these problems will not simply be worked out and solved, but instead the problem will steadily grow for years to come, and may eventually lead to some extreme changes in sports' steroid policies.

Over the last several years doping cases have steadily become more prevalent in the sports world.

Before this year's Tour de France even began 17 riders, including pre-race favorite Jan Ullrich, were barred from competition. This was only weeks before the eventual victor, Floyd Landis, was found with over twice the legal amount of testosterone in his blood sample, a sign of steroid abuse.



Floyd Landis returned from Cloud 9 after doping allegations arose from this year's Tour de France (Associated Press)

Recently, Justin Gatlin, the World's Fastest Man, a title bestowed upon him as the co-holder of the 100M track record, tested positive for doping a sec-

ond time.

Gatlin faces a 8-year ban but stands by his position that he has "no idea how any banned substance got into my body."

These are reassuring stories that steroids are being discovered when used and those using them are being stopped. However, it is very important to recognize that these world-class athletes would not be using steroids if there were no chance of them passing the unavoidable drug-test.

Due to the constant demand of performance-enhancing products, the technology will only improve. Not only will the new steroids be more effective, but they will also become more and more difficult to detect.

Perhaps the most telling story of the developing world of steroids is the continuing saga surrounding Barry Bonds. Bonds is a man obsessed with becoming the greatest baseball player of all time and a man willing to take any path to reach this goal.

In grand jury testimony from Bonds' trial that was leaked by the media, Bonds allegedly admitted that he had unknowingly been using "the clear" and "the cream", two highly advanced steroids.

Bonds is already second on the all-time homerun list, a mere 30 from Hank Aaron, the all-time leader. Bonds has already decided to play in the 2007 season, and if he is within 10 homeruns of the record you can be sure he will return in 2008.

If Bonds can manage to reach his goal it will mark the beginning of a new era, an era of athletes concocting their strength

in laboratories with the officiating bodies helpless to stop them. It may even be too late.

Medications continue to become more widespread everyday, taking more prominent spaces in everyone's daily lives than ever before.

Whether a student is taking Adderall to help him through those long study sessions or a balding man is popping Propecia to keep his hair, these chemicals keep changing the rules of what acceptable to put in one's body.

***The sad truth is that these problems will not simply be worked out and solved***

The steroid problem will not vanish anytime soon. The natural growth of technology will only increase the difficulty in detecting them, while making them available to more and more people.

The best athletes should win titles and championships, not simply those with the best chemists backing them.

So, while we may currently be stuck in the middle of the Asterix Era it is important to recognize that not too long from now we may find ourselves in the Chemistry Set Era.

## UVM sports in brief

### STAFF REPORT

#### MEN'S HOCKEY

• Vermont Men's Hockey coach Kevin Sneddon agreed to a contract extension through the 2010-11 season. The extension supercedes Sneddon's previous contract that was set to expire at the end of the 2006-07 season. "Kevin has provided our men's hockey program with exceptional vision and leadership and has established Vermont as among the nation's best," said UVM Director of Athletics Dr. Robert Corran. "He is one of the finest coaches in the country and we are thrilled that he will be behind our bench for the next five years."

• Long-time assistant coach Damian DiGiulian has resigned from the men's hockey team. The Hamilton College graduate has been a part of the UVM staff for the last 10 years and will continue to work with the team until a replacement is found. "The reason for my resignation is really quite simple, I want to spend this next year of my life with my young son Giovanni and my wife Kelly. I am committed to continuing my career as a coach in the future but want to take this time to enjoy it with my family," DiGiulian said. "Although it was difficult news to hear, I real-



UVM Freshman Carson Laderoute (left) scored the Cats' lone goal in Friday's season opener (Ben Dickie/UVM Athletic Communications)

ly want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Damian for his passionate years of service to the University of Vermont," Sneddon said. "He has been an integral part of our hockey program for 10 years, and the work he has done will have a lasting impact on the future of Vermont hockey."

• Former Vermont standout Jamie Sifers has signed a two-way contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs and will report to camp in early September. Sifers was just the second three-time captain in Vermont history. He played 143 games in his career tallying 15 goals and 55 assists.

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

• UVM women's soccer team opened the 2006 season hosting the TD Banknorth Soccer Classic at Centennial Field. On Friday the Cats took on the Dukes of Duquesne University. A hard fought battle ended in a 1-1 tie after two overtime periods. The future of the Catamounts was on display as freshman goaltender Eliza Bradley had 10 saves and freshman midfielder Carson Laderoute scored her first goal for Vermont.

• Seniors Laura Carollo, Abbey Kaknes and Cassandra VanLeeuwen have been named

the captains of the Vermont women's soccer team for the 2006 season.

#### MEN'S SOCCER

• Vermont men's soccer team started off the 2006 campaign with a 3-1 victory over the Saint Peter's College Peacocks at the University of New Hampshire's Nike Fall Soccer Classic. Junior forward Tyler Hasman and sophomore forward Lee Stephane Kouadio each scored and St. Peter's scored an own goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Tom Critz had six saves.

• After going 11-5-3 (4-3-1 AE) last season the Catamounts

were picked to finish first in the 2006 American East preseason coaches poll. "This is flattering and an honor for our program," commented Vermont head coach Jesse Cormier who enters his third season at his alma mater. "We have come far in only a couple of years but we still have a long way to go."

• This weekend Vermont heads out west to play in the Nike Invitational in Portland, Oregon. The Catamounts will take on the Pac-10's Washington on Friday and then on Sunday UVM plays host and perennial West Coast Conference powerhouse Portland.



## NAKED MAN ASSAULTS THREE IN HARRIS

A naked man tripping on hallucinogenic substances assaulted three first year women in Harris on Friday. The assailant resisted arrest and assaulted a police officer before he was tasered and arrested

### STAFF REPORT

Friday night, 19-year-old Colby Eck assaulted three women on the fourth floor of the Harris dormitories. Eck was under the influence of psychedelic mushrooms and ecstasy and was naked when the UVM police tasered him.

"He was tripping on some drugs and had stripped his clothes off and assaulted three or four women," said police chief Gary Margolis.

Shortly after midnight, Eck walked down the Harris 4 Low hall and pushed first year student Lindsay Baker against the wall causing injury to her head.

Eck forced himself into Baker's room and Baker's roommate, Kayla Towle, "punched him in the face when he tried to come in," said first year student Shiloh Page.

Harris RA Alex Cruz said, "We speculated that he was on mushrooms and ecstasy." Cruz would not comment further.

Eck was reported to have been downstairs in Harris earlier that night before the alleged assaults occurred.



Above: The alleged assailant, Colby Eck, after being arrested Friday night

(UVM Police Services)



Left: Harris Hall fourth floor, the scene of the incident

(C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic)

"He was going into peoples rooms around midnight," said Harris resident Kyle Rhodes.

Eck was struggling with Harris staff and UVM police officers when the UVM

police, "tased him with a taser," said Margolis.

Eck said that he was visiting a friend in Harris on Friday night.

Eck's bail is set at \$25,000 and he is being held

at the Chittenden County Correctional Facility pending arraignment on Tuesday, Sept. 5 in the Chittenden District Court.

Eck is charged with perjury, disorderly conduct, aggravated assault, kidnapping, simple assault on a police officer, resisting arrest, lewd and lascivious conduct and simple assault.

Police Sergeant Jim Phelps said the investigation is still in progress.

*"I went up the stairs and saw him from around the corner walking slowly and with no facial expression whatsoever. He pushed Lindsay against the wall and I saw her head bounce off the wall"*

- First year student Shiloh Page

## UVM board of trustees votes this week

UVM board of trustees votes to consolidate committees and open up board meetings to students, faculty and Burlington residents

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Board of Trustees Cynic Correspondent

If passed, a resolution being voted on by the UVM board of trustees will allow people unaffiliated with the board to speak at board meetings.

The ordinance allocates time for anyone to talk; be it student, faculty, or resident of Burlington.

According to the resolution, there would be fifteen minutes at the beginning of each board of trustees meeting: three minutes for five people to speak.

"Lots of constituents were stopping their legislators in the grocery store, wanting to talk about the University of Vermont and this gives them a chance," said Gary Derr, executive assistant to the president and provost.

The time constraint has many people wondering if three minutes per person is adequate. "If we are paying 34 thousand dollars to go to this school we should be allowed to talk as long as we want," said UVM junior Bob Bartlett.

Director of United Academics, David Shiman, said, "I am glad that they are formally recognizing that there are other people besides the board of directors that have a voice."

"But when I spoke before them, three minutes would not have been enough."

The Ad Hoc Committee on Board Operations will vote on the resolution Friday Sept. 8, at 3:15 p.m. in room 427A Waterman.

If passed, the resolution will become policy in November.

The current configuration of the board arranges the members into twelve different committees, each focusing on separate topics.

A new system will be voted on by the board and, if passed, will combine five committees into the Educational Policy and Resources Committee.

The vote will also combine four other committees into the Budget Finance and Investment Committee.

Derr hopes the new system will create greater integration of the University, as well as be easier, logistically.

The board of trustees is comprised of nine retired or active Vermont Legislators, nine self-perpetuating members, three individuals elected by the governor, two students, the governor, and the president of the University.

They will convene on Sept. 7, 8 and 9.

## UVM police jurisdiction expanded

### STAFF REPORT

The Vermont Supreme Court overturned a 2005 District Court decision, granting UVM police officers off campus jurisdiction. The decision was announced Friday, Sept. 1.

The ruling stems from a May 2005 incident in which UVM police arrested 20-year-old UVM student James T. Curley-Egan on suspicion of drunk driving while he

### Recent court ruling grants UVM police full authority off campus

was off campus.

In October 2005, District Court Judge Edward Cashman ruled that UVM police did not have sufficient public oversight to have off campus authority.

Cashman's ruling did not consider the UVM board of trustees as a proper public group, negating the power of

the University's police force off campus.

Friday's Supreme Court decision based its ruling on the Vermont Legislature's foundation of the University's police force in 1991, not on the UVM board of trustees.

The ruling stated, "...the Legislature retains sufficient

authority, as recognized in UVM's charter, over the institution, and, in turn, the police department."

Since its inception in 1991 the UVM police force has operated like any other law enforcement group.

"We were a real police department before," said UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis. "But this puts that to rest and we can get on with things."

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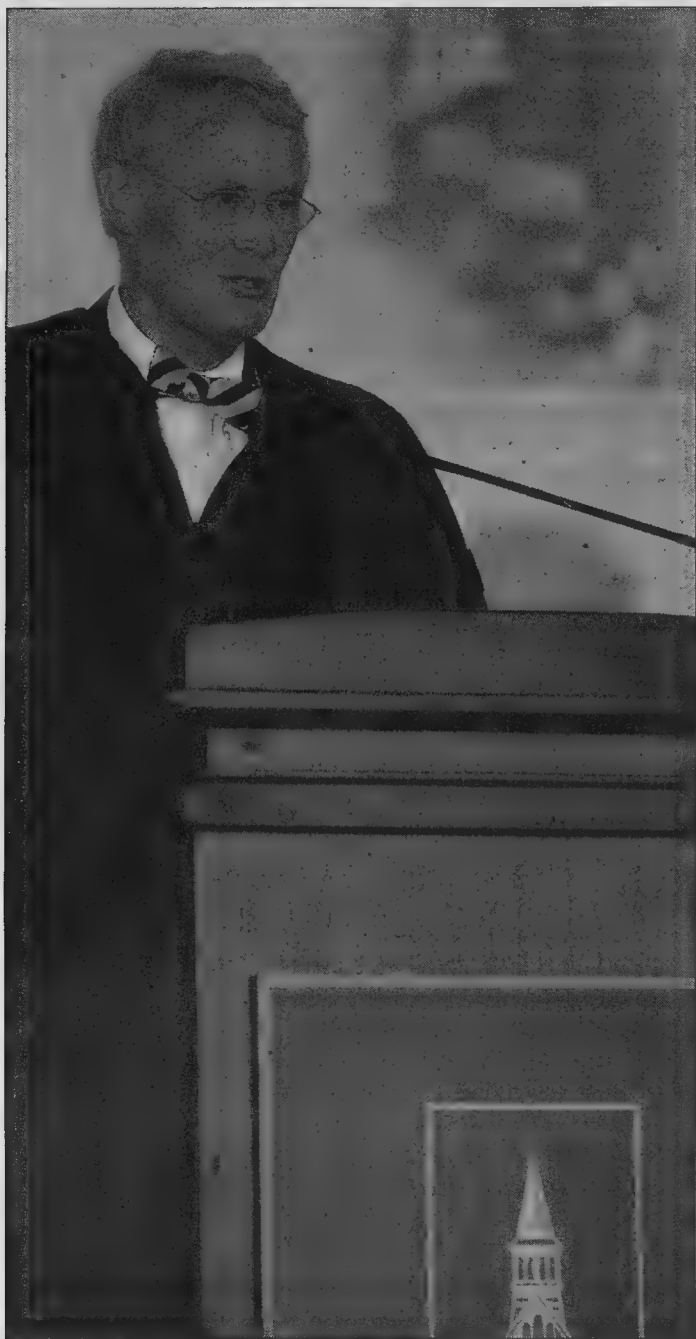
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"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

- Thomas Jefferson, 1778



# Convocation rings in 2006 school year



Carl H. Lisman, Chair of the Board of Trustees speaks at Convocation (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

## UVM kicks off the year with 2006 Convocation, provost Hughes addresses the University

By MANDY FRANK

Nearly 100 UVM affiliates marched from the Royal Tyler Theater to the Ira Allen Chapel, where a distinguished audience, including governor Douglas, attended the 2006 Convocation ceremony.

Convocation hailed in the 2006-2007 academic year at the University of Vermont on Friday, August 30.

"I think with more students than ever before, this year provides UVM students with the wonderful opportunity of experiencing a more diverse setting," said SGA president Seth Bowden.

The chair of the UVM board of trustees, Carl H. Lisman, gave the welcoming address to the audience, telling of his own tribulations as a freshman at UVM.

"It wasn't until the night before the botany final exam that I realized that there was a textbook for the class," Lisman said.

**"Regrettably, my generation leaves you many profound problems to address; we tried, oh how we tried"**

John Hughes publicly addressed the UVM community for the first time as provost.

"Dan [Fogel]... has received a clean bill of health and plans to be back here in just a few weeks," said Hughes. "Dan will have had two months to rest, so we all better be ready."



UVM Police Officers Mike Blow and Sue Roberts carrying the colors at Convocation (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

"Regrettably, my generation leaves you many profound problems to address; we tried, oh how we tried," Hughes said. "But ultimately we were not successful. I here charge you to use your privilege to solve those problems."

"I ask that as you see me walking around campus you take the time to introduce yourself and tell me some of your aspirations and tell me what you hope to accomplish," said Hughes.

Acting president John Bramley, the former provost, also addressed the crowd.

"I did not expect to be up here today," Hughes said, "but in life the unexpected happens."

"It won't be long until president Fogel returns to his office at the end of the hallway and I return to my path."

First year student Jake Estes said, "I think it's cool. I like tradition. It's a nice day to do it and I like bagpipers."

The ceremony lasted one hour. At the close of the ceremony, a performance of Universitas V. Montis, the University's song, was sung.

The parade marched again, this time to the Billings Student Center, where a reception was held.

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# A LIP SPEAKS:

## An interview with Michael Ivins

### Flaming Lips' bassist talks politics, religion and life

By DAVE SACHS

The Cynic recently spoke with bassist Michael Ivins of The Flaming Lips about their latest album, "At War With the Mystics," among other things. The band is looking forward to coming to Burlington, a place they have never been but have heard about. Here's what Ivins had to say:

**Vermont Cynic:** "At War with the Mystics" seems to yield a political tone in several songs. In "The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song," Wayne Coyne sings, "It's a very dangerous thing to do exactly what you want..." Who would you say you guys are directing that at and what does it mean? Are you guys being sarcastic?

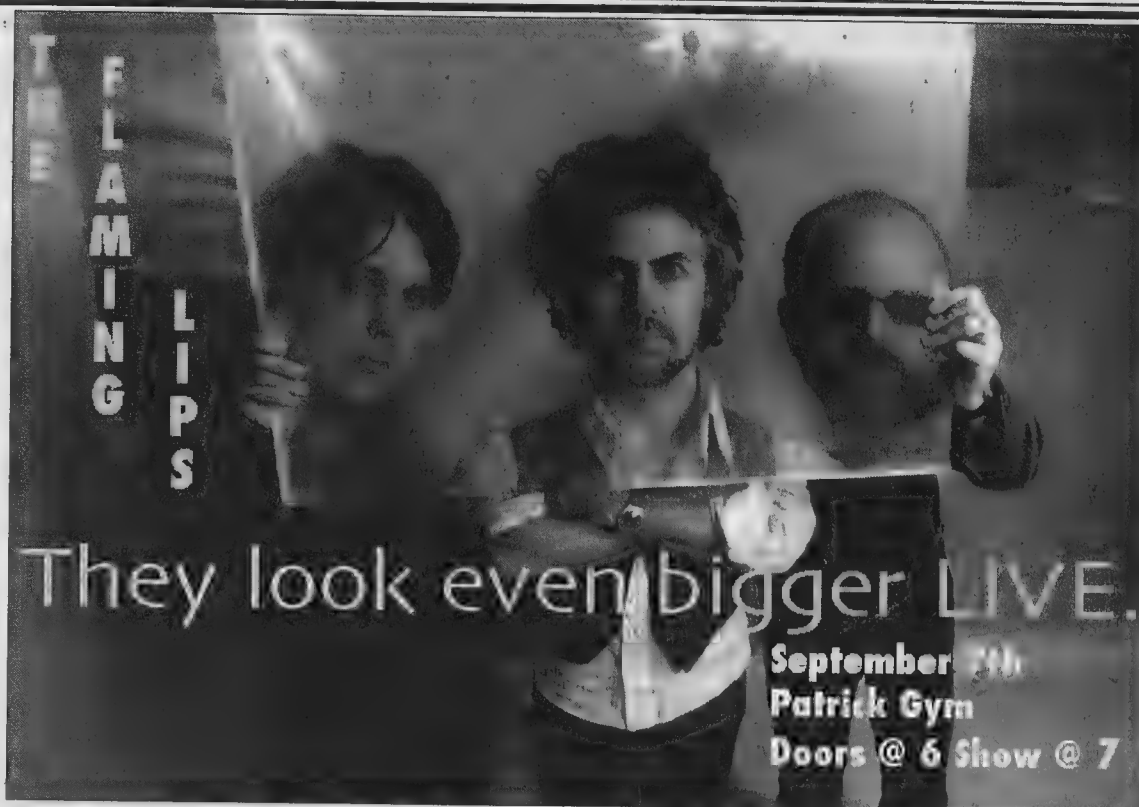
**Michael Ivins:** Well, not sarcastic, hopefully, in a silly way. If

what you wish for." And it's not as easy as it seems; that maybe the temptation could be too much; that if you did have the power and your way at all times, that you have to tread carefully.

**VC:** So in a perfect world, you would give all the answers to the masses?

**MI:** Exactly. In a perfect world, you would say yes. But sometimes when huge amounts of power are involved, the answers are easy to get mixed up in everything, or, perhaps things aren't as clear cut.

These things might not seem as evident. And even the big question [in The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song]: "if you could take all the love without giving any of it back, would you do it?" You know, it really is our stance, and I know it's been said before, but I think it's true that if you give love, it's obvious that you will be loved in return, and that's the gauge: How you get loved and how you are loved is by loving.



eight billion years the sun will go through its natural life cycle and basically engulf all the planets and moons and nothing will be left of us at all.

I mean, it's one thing to say 2000 years go by and we have pyramids and mummies and remnants of great civilizations and things like that, but to think that in eight billion years absolutely everything that any one thought was a good idea, a bad idea, a big idea, a little idea, are all gonna be turned to interstellar dust.

**VC:** It makes divisions like religion and race trivial.

**MI:** I think it's those sorts of realizations that should make us, as thinking, conscious beings, more willing to find answers and look for answers.

We believe, and think it is noble, that life right now is worth living. It's all worth going through even if there is nothing at the end of it. The things you do, the people you influence... those sorts of things last longer than you do.

Those sorts of things can transcend your time because it's not testable and not knowable. The only thing we do know is that we're here right now and we accept things like death being a part of the cycle.

It should give you a release and a freedom to go about doing good things, hopefully. But people use these sorts of ideas to basically reek havoc in the world today, and almost for little or no political gain. I really don't understand.

**"For things to really change, and I think it's getting to that point, we need to stop beating around the bush"**

On the religion thing, basically it comes down to what awaits people after they die. People are willing to basically die and kill other people for these ideas. I think we're generally tolerable and respectful of the way people think, but I think this idea of religion, especially what hap-

pens to you after you die, is just not knowable.

**VC:** So you're saying live in the now?

**MI:** Well definitely. Live in the now, but that's not saying that there is no moral structure - I don't think that's true at all. Whether you have a father figure up in the sky or not, you still have to live morally. I think this idea of this religion versus that religion is, I think, just detrimental to the human race as a whole.

**"I don't think that we stand up and say that a song or a piece of art will actually change things - that rock and roll stopped Vietnam or anything like that"**

**VC:** "The Wand" seems to ascribe power to any one that listens to it. Would you consider this song as meant to rouse people out of stagnancy and into action? Against what and who?

**MI:** This is the interesting thing about records, and art even, that we've come to notice as a band: We'll start doing a record and time will go by and we'll have this collection of songs that seem to hang together. And then some more time will go by and we're done with what we're calling "the record."

And then we'll put the record out and I think we find it takes about a year for this incubation period, so to speak, to happen and it actually takes on an identity because people will get it, listen to it, ascribe their own experiences to it. Then we'll start thinking about it.

I don't think that we stand up and say that a song or a piece of art will actually change things - that rock and roll stopped Vietnam or anything like that.

I think that we subscribe to the belief that every generation believes that they're living in the end times, or these are the most important times, the greatest generation. For things to really change, and I think it's getting to

that point, we need to stop beating around the bush.

**VC:** Pun intended?

**MI:** No, no pun intended there. I think that all our songs should empower, on any of our records.

There's a more life affirming attitude and an optimistic, albeit a cautious optimistic attitude, through everything that we do. And if that would shine through more than anything else, I think that's even more empowering than specifically ranting about things.

**VC:** Your shows are always weird, theatrical and vibrant. How much do you guys think about your showmanship when you're in the studio?

**MI:** You know, not much. I think there will be a song here or there while we're recording and every one will look around and say, "wow, this will be a lot of fun to play." I don't think we look at it at all in the writing or the creation of songs - not to say that it's ever mutually exclusive. The shows are just a whole other experience.

**VC:** I've read that you're a science fiction buff?

**MI:** Yes, absolutely.

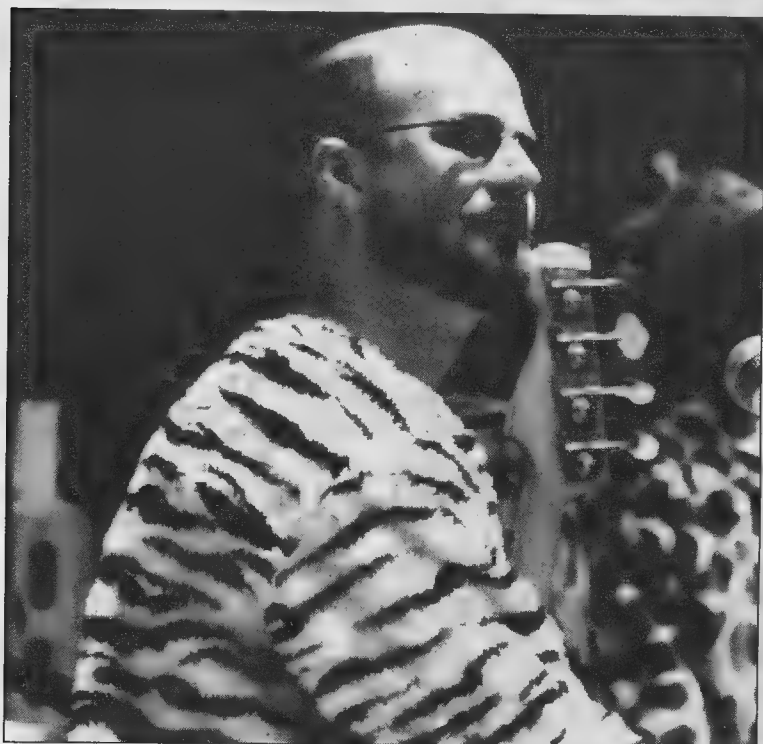
**VC:** I also read that you played "Miner #1" on an episode of Star Trek. What was that like for you?

**MI:** It was quite the dream come true. Well you know, we're actually making a movie and I've been on camera and in effect, playing myself with interviews and things like that.

I mean, I would love to be on any other show that would have me or that I could sneak on, or wile my way onto. But I'm not an actor.

They say when you're acting you are supposed to be in the moment, absolutely, as some character.

But I think what has to happen is you have to lose your self consciousness. You have to literally step outside of yourself and become something else.



Michael Ivins shows his stripes at a live performance (www.wrvu.org)

you have the back story -- as we know -- especially what happened in the election of 2004. And just how it seemed like a done deal.

It's stunning that when the results came in they didn't seem to go the way that one would have thought it would have. But I don't think that this song in particular is aimed, say, at the administration or anything like that.

It's sort of jumps out right at the beginning and questions us specifically, or people in general who say, 'if I had it my way things would be a lot better.'

It's sort of a cautionary tale in a way, to say, "Be careful of

**VC:** Fair enough. "It Overtakes Me" and "Vein of Stars" seem like classic struggles between big and small, life and death, the known and the unknown. You guys seem to be saying that every one is small when put against the backdrop of what is unknown in the world and maybe that should unite us?

**MI:** I think that's a great take on it, you know. It should unite us. But I think in the big picture you're as big or as small as you would like to be.

When your faced with the realization that yes, indeed, we are floating in space, or that in

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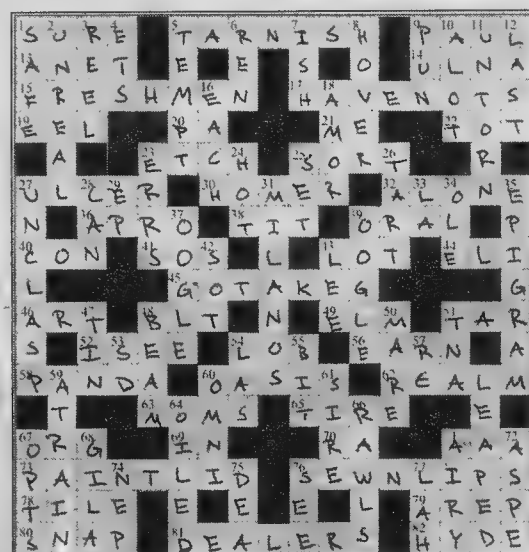
## Lemon Ginger Chicken Salad

- 1/2 c. Hellman's mayonnaise
- 1/4 c. sour cream
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind (opt.)
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 to 3/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 c. cooked, cubed chicken
- 1 c. sliced seedless green grapes
- 1 c. sliced celery

Stir together first 7 ingredients. Add chicken, grapes and celery; toss to coat well. Cover, chill at least 2 hours. Serves 4.



Answer to last  
week's x-word



## Mixology

### Salty Dog

- pinch of Salt
- pinch of Sugar
- Lime Wedge
- 2 oz. Vodka
- Grapefruit Juice
- Ice

-Mix salt and sugar and spread onto a sheet of aluminum foil or wax paper.

-Wipe the rim of a glass with lime wedge and roll glass in salt/sugar mixture until rim is evenly coated.

-Fill chilled glass with several ice cubes, vodka (if you're not into that, substitute tonic water), and grapefruit juice. Stir.

-Enjoy!

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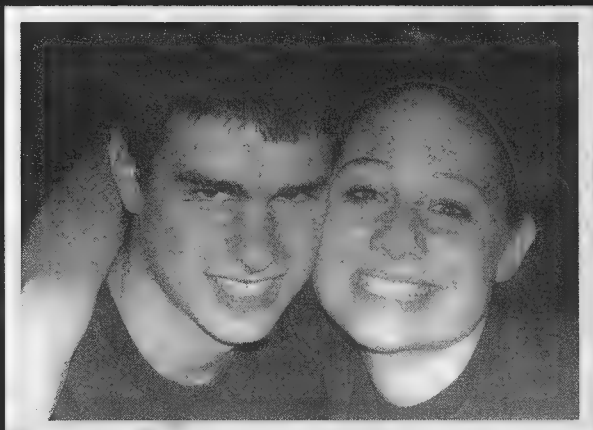




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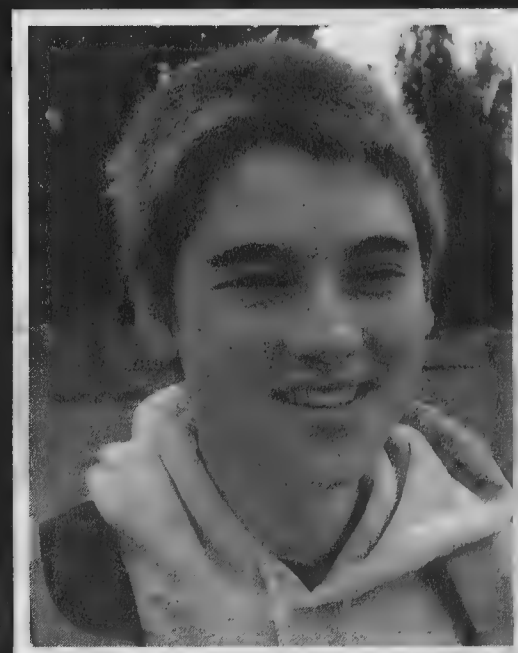
## How was your first Friday at UVM?



"Friday was wicked fun. We  
partied all night."  
-Charles Ross '10



"Pretty good because I can't  
remember too much."  
- Ben '10



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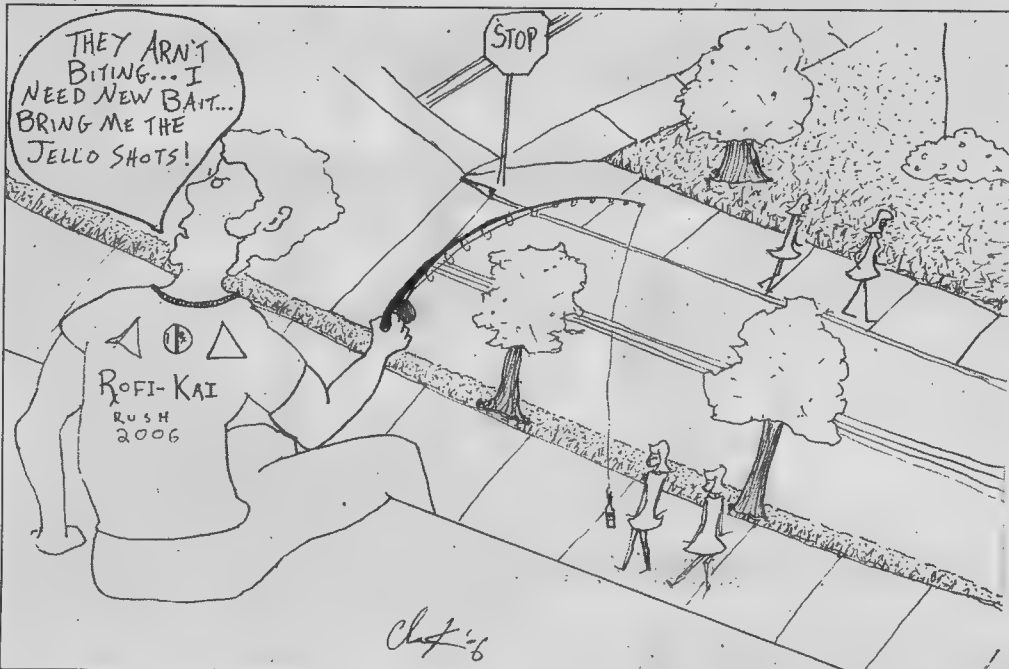


"I don't really remember  
Friday night."  
- Kate Bauer '07

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# Get laid



**Getting some has never felt so right. Go get em' ladies!**

By MANDY FRANK

Excited about the hot-bods and sexy curves you see? You're not alone.

Coming to college is like being thrown in to a party mixer with classes. Everyone is thinking the same thing. But no one wants to say it.

Fortunately, it only takes about three minutes and a foamy cup of PBR to realize that everyone is as horny as you.

This is a general statement and not everyone falls into this category.

Some folks are playing homemaker, and are holding out because they are in a serious relationship, or they would rather be in a serious relationship before getting down and dirty. To these people I say, good luck.

It is a common misconception that the ladies aren't as vigorous as the gentlemen are. I use the phrase gentle-

men loosely. Yes, it is true that a female's libido doesn't fully mature until she is about 35.

A man hits his sexual peek around the age of 18. Hmm, that is right about now. The good news is that women are on a slow rising curve, and already have a powerful sex drive.

There is always the fear, even if only subconsciously, that the guys are not going to buy the cow if they are getting the milk for free. I say, there is nothing free about it.

You may be getting the milk, but it's not your money that we want. Chicks have sexual cravings too. I am not endorsing throwing yourselves on the next foxy lady that walks by, but I am asking guys to be aware that women like sex too.

If you don't agree with this statement I recommend buying a vibrator, or trying things out manually.

Unfortunately, women's sexual desires are subdued by the double standard. Girls that are sexual are considered to be 'sluts,' and guys

that are getting some are just providential.

Let's break down the proverbial Berlin Wall, and bring some peace to the genders. I think that this standard is nonsense, and during my time here at UVM I have been able to recognize that we are all people, but have different expectations.

I want everyone looking eyes with the hottie in the corner, and experiencing some of the most awkward late night rendezvous.

Odd sexual situations undoubtedly arise in the dorms, and actually having to live under these circumstances gives you a first person view of reality on steroids.

All in all it is completely worth it because you can learn what you really want and what will make you happy.

The theory is that the more you know the better life you will have. I agree, especially when it comes to knowing about your body. Go crazy, get kinky, and have fun.

That if, safely go crazy.

# Ben & Jerry's new flavor: Cruelty

**Ben & Jerry's farm practices contradict the company's eco-friendly mantra**

By LEANNE DESCHENES

President of Students for Animal True Rights

As an adoring consumer of Vermont-made products, but also an enthusiastic advocate for animals, I was extremely disappointed to discover that Ben and Jerry's ice cream contains eggs derived from birds confined in battery cages.

While Ben & Jerry's commercials attack factory farms, their actions do not correlate with the tuned-in establishment the company is imaged as.

Each hen that lays eggs for Ben & Jerry's has less space than a single page of this newspaper and suffers stress and injuries from heat, getting heads and limbs stuck between wire cages, and the inability to flap their wings.

Because Ben & Jerry's ice cream is a value to many UVM students, who also find importance in sustainable agriculture and social justice, it is extremely disappointing that this



company, with similar roots, now contradicts itself on every level.

Students for True Animal Rights at UVM is excited to ask Ben and Jerry's to make the responsible decision to terminate the support of battery cage abuse in hopes that switching to cage-free eggs will help Ben & Jerry's re-establish itself with the exemplary tradition of environmental stewardship on which it is built and from which it has unfortunately strayed.

We hope that other UVM students will recognize the potential for change and also that we have to make an influence on this very important topic concerning a company that is close to many of our hearts.

# One funny curmudgeon

**No one in the media biz is as witty and insightful as the man who has witnessed it all, Andy Rooney. Come experience his world.**

By DAN SCHOVAIN

In America's media machine it is a rarity to find consistent news that has not been embellished in one respect or another.

It is equally difficult to find a journalist who is as true to himself as he is to his reader's.

There is one man still present in the news world whose frankness makes you respect him even if you do not agree with what he has to say. That man is 60 Minutes correspondent, Andy Rooney.

Rooney began his career writing for Stars and Stripes during World War II, while being one of the very first American journalists to witness and write about Nazi concentration camps.

He is now the author of thirteen books and has written hundreds of television

essays.

Rooney also hosts a weekly segment on 60 Minutes entitled "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney," which is filled with the old-school rhetoric of an 87 year old man who is set in his ways.

Straightforward and to the point, his commentaries on everything from politics to everyday life can't help but bring a smile to your face. For example, "Men wake up aroused in the morning. We can't help it. We just wake up and we want you. And the women are thinking, 'How can he want me the way I look in the morning?' It's because we can't see you. We have no blood anywhere near our optic nerve."

Yes, Rooney is a pioneer and legend of a news world that is desperately beckoning for numbers of young journalists who will practice their art with more fervor and character than a fake smile and hard-line reporting styles.

Someone should take initiative and place Rooney in the Journalism Hall of Fame based on his fortitude alone, if there is such an honor.

This article can only serve as a minor tribute to a person who has seen the best

and worst of our capricious world. He is a walking piece of history.

Now enjoy some more of Rooney's observations.

"Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game."

"I believe a self-righteous liberal or conservative with a cause is more dangerous than a Hell's Angel with an attitude."

"Don't rule out working with your hands. It does not preclude using your head."

"I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to

you."

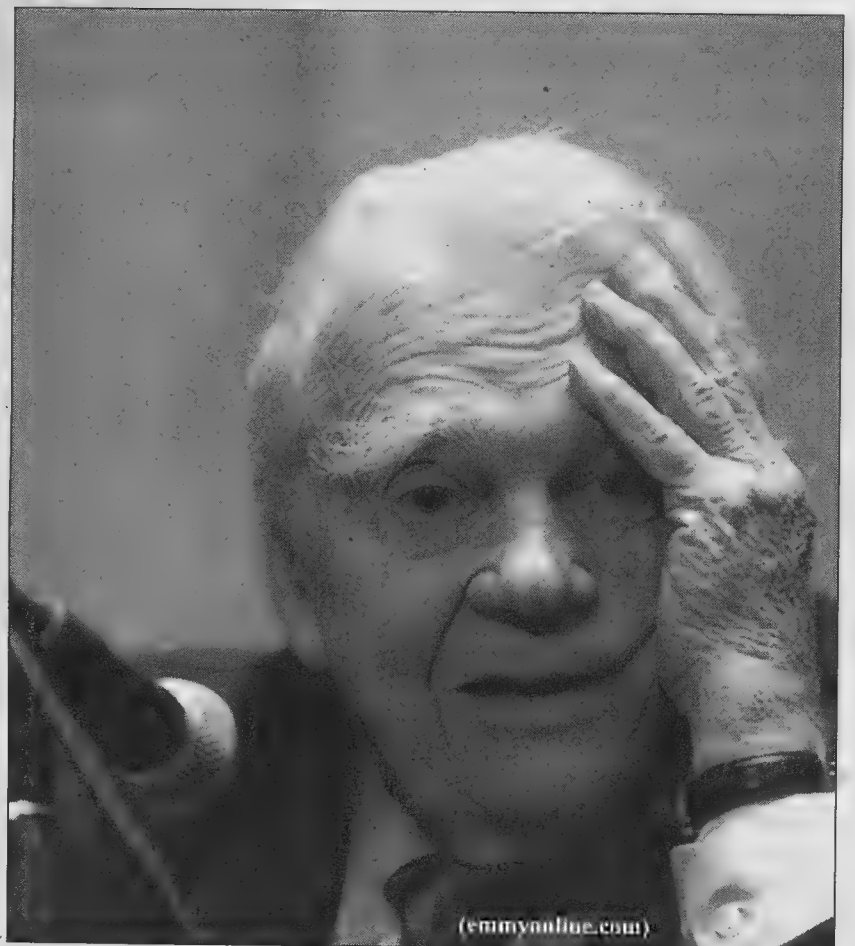
"I don't like food that's too carefully arranged; it makes me think that the chef is spending too much time arranging and not enough time cooking. If I wanted a picture I'd buy a painting."

"The only people who say worse things about politicians than reporters do are other politicians."

"Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives."

"Nothing in fine print is ever good news."

"If you smile when no one else is around, you really mean it."





# Early goals bury Catamounts

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

The Vermont Women's Soccer fell at the hands of the University of Buffalo 2-0 on Sept. 1 at Centennial Field.

The Bulls came out strong, scoring twice in the first 20 minutes of the game, stunning Vermont. The Cats picked up their play in the second half, threatening several times, including a goal that ultimately did not count due to an offside call.

## Women's Soccer can't mount comeback versus the University of Buffalo

"We are here to win and every game gives us a better idea of what needs to improve before conference play," Vermont head coach Kerry Dziczkaniec said. "We created some great opportunities today, we just need to continue to work hard, be positive and find a way to finish the chances we generate."

The first goal for the Bulls came in the 11th minute after Heidi Griffiths collected a thru ball and beat Vermont goalkeeper Eliza Bradley from 25 yards. Buffalo extended its lead to 2-0 on a volleyed shot by Jenessa Banwell in the 18th minute.

The Catamounts frequently pushed the ball up to senior

Cassandra VanLeeuwen who tried to get a shot off before the Bulls' defense collapsed, but despite her many attempts, Vermont was unsuccessful in piercing through the Bulls' defensive line.

Midway through the second half of the game, Vermont started to send help forward in the form

of sophomore defenseman Erin Pichiotino.

"We play with four backs," Pichiotino said. "And since we're always talking, they let me go up as far as I need to and will call me back if I'm needed."

And get back UVM certainly did, with excellent recovery and support from not only the defensive line, but the mid-field as well.

Senior captain Laura Carollo played well, constantly backing up her fellow players and pushing the ball up as much as possible. Freshman goalkeeper Bradley saved five shots for the Cats.

"The girls all need to be leaders in the moment," Dziczkaniec said. "That helps them keep up the enthusiasm and the mentality that we're here to play well and win."

*"We are here to win and every game gives us a better idea of what needs to improve before conference play"*

With the win, Buffalo improves to 2-1-0 on the season, while Vermont falls to 0-2-1. The Catamounts have a 10-day layoff before their next game against Sienna on Sept. 12 at Centennial Field. Look for Vermont to use the break in order to prepare and tighten up their team.

"Every game experience helps us to prepare for the next 90 minutes," said Dziczkaniec. "This is a process for us and we are making progress, we just can't get frustrated with ourselves."

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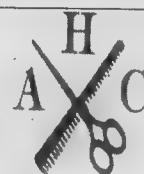
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I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but man's failures.  
~Earl Warren



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Vermont sophomore midfielder Susie Cirilli controls the ball during a 2-0 loss to the University of Buffalo. See page 7 for story. (Ike Mesmore/Vermont Cynic)

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Men's Soccer

• The Catamounts and the University of Portland Pilots played 110 minutes of scoreless soccer in the opening game of the 2006 Nike Invitational in Portland, Oregon. It was the second straight scoreless draw for both the Catamounts (1-0-2) and Pilots (0-0-2) and was the second straight shutout for Vermont goalkeeper Roger Scully who recorded ten saves.

### Field Hockey

• UVM's Field Hockey team fell in their first road test of the season 6-2 to Sacred Heart. Vermont junior Danielle Collins scored both Catamount goals. The loss drops the Cats to 1-2 and on the season.

### Cross Country

• The Vermont Cross Country team opened the 2006 season in the Harry Lang Invitational at Colgate University. The Men's team placed second in the 4.2K race, just three points behind Lafayette. They finished third in the 7.8K race. The women's team finished third out of seven teams in the 4.2K race and earned fifth position in the 8-team 6K race.

# NFL week one predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN

The start of a new season brings with it endless hope. Every team and their fans enter the season with dreams of glory but it is only a lucky few that actually get to savor the grandeur of the playoffs.

There are many new faces and many old faces in new places. But some things do not change as the cool winds of fall bring with them the smell of turf and the sounds of the gridiron.

### Game of the Week

**Indianapolis at NY Giants** – The much anticipated meeting of the Manning brothers, Eli of the Giants and Payton of the Colts, under the bright lights of Sunday night will have the eyes of the football nation.

After a disappointing loss in the playoffs last season, Payton and the Colts will look to come out strong to start the season. But Eli has the Giants poised and ready to make a run of their own.

The game will stay close until the end but Payton and Indy have too much experience and will come out on top. Final 27-20 Indianapolis.

### Best of the Rest

**Miami at Pittsburgh** – This Thursday night matchup on NBC will be our first glimpse of Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger after a career threatening motorcycle accident. It also marks the debut of Dolphins' quarterback Daunte Culpepper. The Steelers will control the ball with their pounding style and grab the victory. Final 24-17 Pittsburgh.

**Baltimore at Tampa Bay** – The

## After waiting through the rains of spring and the scorching heat of summer, football is finally here

Ravens have the two Lewises (MLB Ray and RB Jamal) returning at full strength and that will give them the upper hand in this game that will be very low scoring as the offenses sputter. Final 17-13 Baltimore.

**Atlanta at Carolina** – This is a matchup of two of the most exciting players in the league, Carolina wideout Steve Smith and Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick. With all that speed on the field it will be up to the defenses to slow the play. The Panthers have the superior D and experience, which will lead them to victory. Final 27-17 Carolina.

**Buffalo at New England** – The Patriots come into the season with serious questions on offense without number one wide receiver Deion Branch. But they still have quarterback Tom Brady and running back Corey Dillon who will lead the way past the Bills. Final 24-10 New England.

**Philadelphia at Houston** – This is the NFL debut of defensive end Mario Williams, the controversial number one pick of the Texans. But no matter what Williams is able to do it will not be enough against the resurgent Eagles and quarterback Donovan McNabb. Final 27-17 Philadelphia.

**New Orleans at Cleveland** – The Saints will be looking to get off to a good start this season with a whole new cast on offense. QB Drew Brees along with new comer Reggie Bush will be too much for the Browns to stop and Cleveland does not have the offensive capability to stay with

New Orleans. Final 24-13 New Orleans.

**Seattle at Detroit** – The Seahawks will look to respond after a season that saw them reach the super bowl. With RB Shaun Alexander and QB Matt Hasselbeck back Seattle will be hard to beat this season. Final 17-10 Seattle.

**NY Jets at Tennessee** – The Titans have gotten stellar play out of rookie quarterback Vince Young, but it is still unclear whether he will be the starter against the Jets. Even if he is not, Tennessee will have too much

firepower for New York. Final 17-10 Tennessee.

**Cincinnati at Kansas City** – The Bengals will be energized by the return of their field general, QB Carson Palmer. But the difference in this game will be defense. Cincinnati's D is much improved under the direction of coach Marvin Lewis and will be able to stop Chiefs superstar RB Larry Johnson. Final 34-20 Cincinnati.

**Chicago at Green Bay** – Chicago's offense will be a big question mark coming into this game with QB Rex Grossman still looking rusty. But Chicago's

defense is as good as any in the league and will shut down the Packers. Final 13-6 Chicago.

**Dallas at Jacksonville** – This should be a tight game that comes down to decision making by the quarterbacks. Jacksonville's QB Byron Leftwich has showed he is cool under pressure and will lead his team to victory. Final 24-17 Jacksonville.

### Upset Special

**Denver at St. Louis** – Denver coach Mike Shanahan is known as a running back guru but with this years group where there is no standout and it will be interesting to see what he is able to do. The Rams are in a good position, playing at home, in this game to grab a surprising win. Final 20-17 St. Louis.



## ECK PLEADS NOT GUILTY



Colby Eck after his arrest Sept. 8  
(UVM Police services)

**Eck is accused of physically assaulting three UVM women in Harris when we was naked**

By COLIN LUCAS

Colby Eck, the CCV student charged with sexually assaulting three women in the Harris Residence Hall while naked, was arraigned at the Chittenden District last Tuesday. He pleaded not guilty to all charges.

At his arraignment, Eck's charges were simple assault of a police officer, aggravated assault, unlawful restraint in the second degree, and lewd and lascivious conduct.

These charges could result in a maximum prison sentence of 27 years and/or a maximum fine of \$36,300.

Upon posting \$25,000 bail from the Chittenden County Correctional Center, Eck was given certain conditions of release by which he must abide before his next court date on Sept. 27.

The conditions include a restraining order stating that Eck may not be within 500 feet of the University. Eck may not buy, possess, or use regulated drugs without a valid prescription.

If Eck violates any of the conditions of release, he could be sent back to jail before his next court date and could face additional charges.

Some students living in the Harris Residence hall expressed concern with the ease that Eck, a naked man, was granted entry into the building.

"I don't really know why someone would let in a naked man," Harris resident Meghan Greenhaus said. "Maybe we should put up a sign saying, 'Don't Let Naked People In.'"

Some students however, think the responsibility of student safety goes beyond the students them-

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**Wayne Coyne of The Flaming Lips during Thursday's concert at Patrick Gym. For more coverage see page 5**

## OH YOSHIMI!

(Mike Jones/SA Concerts)

## Lawsuit threatens UVM

**UVM sophomore suspended for drugs after room was searched without warrant**

By HALLEY SNELLING

19-year-old UVM second year student Ian Collins was facing suspension for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia before he threatened UVM with a lawsuit for an unwarranted search. The suspension has been dropped by UVM in the wake of the lawsuit, but Collins is not permitted to return to the UVM dorms.

The suspension was issued in response to a search of Collins' room on Aug. 26, in which 27 grams of marijuana stems, two bongos, and other drug paraphernalia were found.

University officials conducted the search after they were contacted by Collins' roommate, who complained to Jeanne Mance dorm staff members that the marijuana he smoked with Collins was laced.

Collins' lawyer David Sleight filed a lawsuit against the University on the grounds

that the search was conducted illegally.

Sleight argued that the University entered Collins' room without a warrant and that such an act is an infringement upon Collins' constitutional rights.

The Chittenden Superior Court overruled Collins' suspension, preventing UVM from suspending him until a judge could hear the lawsuit against the University. Collins' case was scheduled to be heard before Superior Court Judge Geoffrey Crawford but was canceled because of an agreement struck between Collins and UVM.

**"This school is sick and I don't want to leave it," Collins said**

The terms of the agreement have not yet been made public, but Sleight said that the concerns of his client have been met.

University officials said the right to enter his room falls under the 'Search For a Cause' policy. This policy is a new addition to the housing contract signed by students at the beginning of each year.

According to the policy, administrative entry into a student's dorm room is permitted if two or more staff members, generally an RA and an RD, come to an agreement that there is a health or safety violation within the room.

If concerned for a student's health, the staff members would first knock on the door, and if there is no answer, they would use a key of their own to enter the room.

According to the policy that preceded 'Search For a Cause,' it was necessary for UVM staff to ensure consent from the student before entering the student's room.

The new 'Search For a Cause' policy stems from "the increased number of incidents that happened last year relating to safety issues," said Annie Stevens, assistant vice-president of student and campus life.

"I'd rather have a conversation with students about their privacy rights than a parent about the death of their child. The staff has an obligation to make sure that everyone is safe," Stevens said.

Collins is attending classes and the suspension has been dropped, but he is not permitted to live on campus.

## UVM board votes 'yes' to hear your two cents

DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Board of Trustees Cynic Correspondent

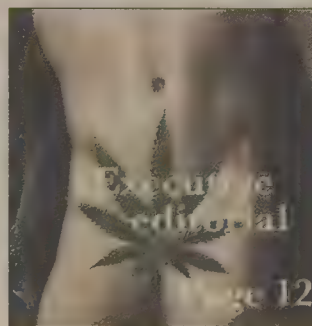
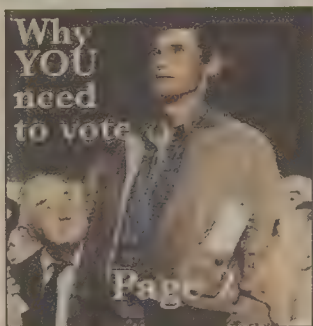
The board of trustees voted unanimously to establish public comment at trustee meetings last Saturday. The new resolution will allow for fifteen minutes of comments at the beginning of each meeting.

According to the resolution, each comment session may not be lengthened by the board chair unless the board of trustees passes a motion by majority. The board of trustees also may not directly address the problems of the commentators by passing motions during the board meeting.

"Comment sessions do not involve matters of the board agenda, so no action shall or may be taken by the board at such session," said Thomas A. Little, secretary of the board of trustees.

"You would be surprised. In legislature when we take testimony, three minutes is enough; the public

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## Eck pleads not guilty

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selves. A number of female students suggested full-time dorm security guards, or checking in with an RA every time a student enters the residence halls.

"[Students] have to be extraordinarily careful," said UVM Provost John Hughes.

*"A Resident Advisor, Alex Cruz, witnessed the attack and came to Baker's aid as she struggled to leave Eck's grasp. Cruz was able to help Baker get free from Eck, and then he took Baker to another area"*

-UVM Officer, Jason M. Bellavance

"All situations will be discussed," Hughes said when asked if the University is considering further security measures.

"It's always a balancing act. This is certainly a wake-up call," Tom Gustafson, Provost of student life said when asked about dorm security.

"Students want a place that is open and welcoming. This event, however, certainly makes us consider just how open it should be," Gustafson said.



Outside the scene of the crime, Harris Hall (C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic)

## Young voters could decide the midterm elections

**Historical midterm data and current partisanship attitudes analyzed; state-by-state midterm election statistics on youth voters**

By MARK LOPEZ  
CIRCLE Research Director

Washington, DC —Two months before the midterm elections, a new analysis of historical midterm election data points to the potential importance of the youth vote in November.

Nearly half of the 42 million eligible young voters aged 18 to 29 showed up for the 2004 presidential election, representing the highest level of youth voter participation in more than a decade, but they still remain a largely untapped and misunderstood voting population.

The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) compiled data on the midterm cycles nationwide — and by state — since 1974 to get a sense of what the nation might expect this fall.

In the most recent midterm election in 2002, 22 percent of young adults voted. However, the best comparison to this year's election may be the 1994

midterm, because it was the last midterm to follow a similar surge in youth voting.

In 1994, 26 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds voted. "The increased mobilization efforts to get young people to the polls in 2004 likely contributed to the spike in young voters.

The level of mobilization will be lower this year, but probably at least as high as it was in 2002. All political parties should work to mobilize this large group of potential voters," said Peter Levine, director of CIRCLE.

"We did see additional increases in turnout in student-dense precincts in 2005 local and state elections. And we now know from experimental studies that mobilization in one election still motivates people in the next election."

As for partisanship among young Americans, in a poll CIRCLE conducted this summer, young people were more likely than adults 30 and older to identify as strictly independents (26 percent vs. 18 percent) and less likely to identify as Republicans (28 percent vs. 35 percent).

Compared to 2002, a somewhat increased amount of young adults are identifying as Independents (up 2 points) though slightly less identify themselves as Democrats (down 1 point).

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## UVM board of trustees

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comment isn't dialogue," board of trustees chair Mark Young said.

"Our job is oversight, not to make small decisions. Our job is to make sure administration performs well and meets the needs of the University," chair on the board of trustees Bill Botzow said.

Also passed unanimously was the decision to divide nine committees into two: four becoming the Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources, and five becoming the Committee on Budget, Finance, and Investment.

In addition to the two large committees there will be five separate committees: the Committee of the Whole, the Audit Committee, the Executive Committee, Committee on Board Governance, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Labor Relations.

Justin M. Joffe, President of the Faculty Senate, was hopeful about committee integration, but was also concerned about representation for students and faculty on the new mega committees.

"At this point in time, this is a good change for our Board. It is in a phase of a cycle and will have a far broader picture, we just want to make sure we don't get left out in the cold," Joffe said.

There will be two representatives from the faculty senate and the student body on the two large committees. "This will allow for more representation than less," Chioffi said.

Board of trustee chair John Snow presented a list of 20 companies to the Committee on Social Responsibility, saying that the Investments are involved in wrongdoing. Within thirty days, the managers of these accounts must divest the problematic funds.

Other important issues discussed by the board include divestiture of funds from Darfur and the increased enrollment at UVM.

This year's fall class is the second largest in the history of UVM, with 600 Vermonters and 1,600 out of state students. Over the last few years, applications have soared to 18,000 compared to 7,200 in 2001. Total enrollment for the graduate college is 1,300, an increase of 2% over the last year. The current bed capacity is 4,821, 1,100 more beds than four years ago. There are no forced triples, and there are accommodations in place to handle future enrollment.

## President Bramley defends UVM tuition

**Bramley says that out of state students subsidize instate student tuition**

By THOMAS MORSE

In an effort to explain the necessity of an interim president to the student senators gathered at this year's first Student Government Association meeting last Tuesday, Bramley cited the new Provost John Hughes' relative inexperience in the role.

Bramley dismissed the notion that the University was becoming more privatized. "We were private until 1955," Bramley said in response to a senator's question concerning the price of tuition.

"The real source of revenue for this school is tuition," Bramley said.

He was quick to point out that UVM has worked hard as a university to alleviate the



Bramley and bovine (www.uvm.edu)

**John Bramley had likely envisioned a significantly less stressful academic life when he announced his decision to step down as vice president and provost last summer to return to his studies of bovine mammarys at the University of Vermont.**

**Less than one year later, Bramley agreed to act as the president of the University while his friend and colleague Daniel Fogel regains his health.**

expense of tuition to students by offering financial aid to many students, resulting in a redistribution of the wealth. "It's kind of a Robin Hood policy," Bramley said.

Bramley had a less optimistic view of the faculty's wages. "We have slipped way behind in the area of faculty salary competitiveness," Bramley said.

Bramley also said that adjusting faculty salaries is an issue that he will try to address during his brief presidency.

Among his top priorities is the search for someone to replace John Evans, who resigned from the position of dean of the college of medicine last spring.

Bramley said that he was also concerned with the continual struggle for legislative support for scholarships paid by the state of Vermont.

## Livable wages considered at UVM

**UVM task force debates a proposal for the implementation of livable wages**

By MANDY FRANK

UVM's livable wage task force, created by President Fogel last year in a response to a UVM worker wage controversy, convened last Wednesday to establish a proposal to present to the administration in order to implement a livable wage at UVM.

According to the task force's mission, the task force was created to "develop recommendations for the administration on principles and policies affecting the economic welfare and opportunities of lower-paid UVM employees."

A livable wage is not the same as a minimum wage. Currently, the Vermont mini-

mum wage is \$7.25 per hour. Taking independent insurance situations into account, the estimated livable wage in Burlington is estimated to be between \$11.56 and \$13.95 per hour.

A livable wage is "the hourly wage or annual income sufficient to meet a family's basic needs plus all applicable federal and state taxes.

"Basic needs include food, housing, child care, transportation, health care, clothing, household and personal expenses, insurance, and 5% savings," according to the Vermont Livable Wage Campaign.

The formation of the task force grew out of the discussions about livable wages that the SGA had been having last year. Due to student activism, the task force was implemented quicker than expected.

"I think livable wages are

necessary for the good life. Everyone is trying to get by one day at a time. Too often people forget how difficult that is," Meg Sophia, UVM sophomore, said.

The task force is not responsible for the implementation of livable wages at the University, but it may have an impact.

President Fogel has created specific charged issues that the group has been dealing with. The first is to "make recommendations to the administration concerning principles and policies that should guide the University's employment practices for lower-paid members of UVM's workforce."

The second issue that the force has been working on is to "ground its consideration of principles and guidelines in a thorough examination of accurate data."

The third task the group

has been working on is to "solicit the views of interested faculty, staff, and students who wish to contribute their perspectives on these matters."

The task force is comprised of students, administrators, faculty, and staff. There are 17 members in all.

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## Campus undergoes renovation

**Central Campus construction nears its end, but more projects will soon be underway**

By KATLYN KEENAN

The construction at UVM is only temporary, as work on the Dudley H. Davis Student Center is anticipated to be complete by the fall of 2007.

Though construction is ongoing throughout campus, many projects were completed over the summer.

Work was finished on the

University Heights complex, which is now home to honors college students and students interested in the environment.

In addition, the Harris Millis dining hall, commonly known to students as "the Grundle," has undergone an expansion and can now seat an additional 150 students.

This summer brought an end to the construction in the Living and Learning Center that has been in progress for three summers. The suites, built in the 1970's, have been renovated.

On the other side of campus, Redstone also experienced construction. The Wing/Davis/Wilks

complex now has a newly redesigned exterior, and an entirely new, contemporary interior.

**UVM plans for the construction of a new Plant Science building on campus**

Another current site of construction on Redstone is located behind Simpson Hall, adjacent to the student parking lot. This will be the location of the Southwest Storm Water Pond, which will be

used as a runoff for water.

The addition of a new Plant Sciences building is an upcoming project for the University. The building will include a section for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; as well as sections for the departments of Botany, Agricultural Biochemistry, and Plant and Soil Science.

The building will provide a connection with the greenhouse and will be modeled after other buildings including the Given Medical Building, Stafford Hall, Aiken Center, and the Health Sciences Research Facility. It has not yet been determined when the building will be completed.

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# Be stylish on a college budget

**It isn't impossible to look like a Vogue cover girl while you're downing Ramen Noodles three times a day. From vintage to retail, Burlington has it**

By CLAUDIA GONZALEZ

It's a chore to wear the latest fashion trends when, in reality, you live off only a few hundred dollars a month. Here are some tips on how you can build up the wardrobe, but still hand in the rent check on time.

Despite Burlington being a relatively small city and being hours away from most fashion Meccas, there are still plenty of shops to visit.

There's an essential destination for anyone on a budget: the thrift shop. The beauty of thrift shops, aside from the prices, lies in the fact that many of the articles of clothing were, at their time (we're talking decades ago), not mass produced, and thus, extremely rare today.

This means that not only are you paying a reasonable price, but you're immediately guaranteed a unique look that few can replicate. A timeless piece of vintage clothing sure beats paying \$48 for an Urban Outfitters shirt to look old and worn out.

One such thrift shop is Battery St Jeans Exchange, located

on 7 Marble Avenue, on the corner of Pine St.

This retro boutique not only serves both women and men, but also contains other goodies like furniture and collectibles. They take consignment clothes too – so do us all a favor and sell those horrible Bohemian skirts you bought in 2004 and go for something much more attractive.

There's also Jamba's Junktiques, located on 274 North Winooski Ave, in the Old North End. What this store lacks in size, it makes up for in quality. Its amazingly eclectic merchandise ranges from clothes to furniture and Super 8 cameras.

But one of the city's best thrift shops is also one of the city's best-kept secrets: the Ohavi Zedek Sisterhood rummage sale, located on 188 North Prospect St. When I moved into Burlington, I was told about it and to my surprise, this shop had every item almost in brand new condition and all of it cost one dollar! Jeans, shirts, coats, even fine Italian leather boots!

It's only open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and it is still absolutely worth checking out.

If used clothing isn't your cup of tea, then the Church St marketplace has an array of places to shop and save.

If there's a surer bet than finding a Gap within every college city, it's finding a sales rack in every Gap. Make no doubt about it: if you're shopping retail, the sales rack is your best friend. If you're a devotee to American Eagle or Urban Outfitter's, wait-

ing three weeks for a price drop couldn't possibly hurt.

Some other sales currently going on: Aeropostale, whose tops are 50 % off and Charlotte Russe's Labor Day Week sale is a can't miss.

If you want to take advantage of your status as a student, then bring your school ID down to American Apparel during the month of September and you can enjoy 15% off of clothes.

A perk to this is that the clothing line is sweatshop free. Also their limited edition clothing is entirely organic (if clothing texture matters to you).

Another shop that seems to have a sale everyday is Express, located in the University Mall in South Burlington. Their selection of jeans and shirts is simultaneously classic and modern, all for a reasonable price.

Don't forget those feet of yours. If you'd like to complete your new wardrobe with some amazing shoes then pay a visit to Tootsies. Their selection is modern and within a moderate price range.



**Above:** A customer sifts through the racks at Battery Street Jeans.

**Left:** Even your oldest pair of jeans can become your most fashionable.



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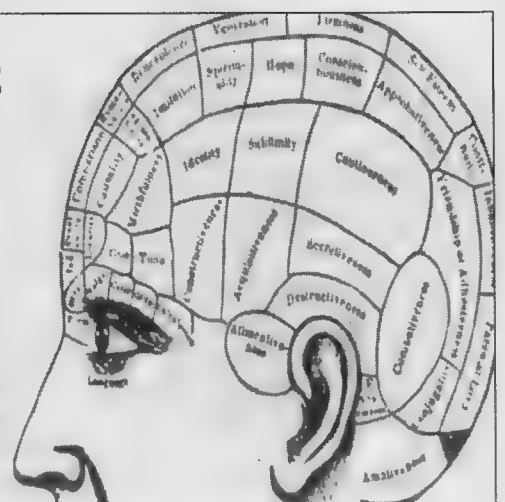


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# The Flaming Lips smack Burlington

**The Flaming Lips bring psychedelic sound and showmanship to Patrick Gym**

By STEPHEN HAUSMANN

As the War Pigs trampled away and the audience stood, shocked, gazing in awe at the emptying stage, I couldn't help but join them. The Flaming Lips have been a staple of my aural enjoyment for quite a while now and I didn't think they could surprise me anymore. I considered it impossible that Wayne Coyne, Steve Drozd and Michael Ivins could wow like they did the first time I heard "The Gash." Yet, there I was, 10:33 p.m. with one barely coherent thought bounding through my consciousness: "What the hell just happened?"

So many bands struggle to find an equilibrium between stage act and studio performance—either their albums create an indescribable sound impossible to recreate live (Boards of Canada and other electronic acts come to mind) or their live show is just too explosive to capture in 11 studio tracks (e.g. Phish and their offshoots). Throw "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" onto your iPod right now and tell me you'd ever believe that The Flaming Lips could transform such a vibrant, unique album into a workable live performance. As of the night of the show, I wouldn't have thought it possible either—I couldn't have been more wrong.

The crowd a-buzz (or buzzed, depending on who you asked), The Lips finally hit the stage slightly after 9, following performances by Oh No! Oh My! and Lake Trout, to a packed Patrick Gym.

The band, minus Coyne, began tinkering with their instruments, creating the spacey soundscape you would only expect to emanate from these musicians. With things at their most ominous, Wayne emerged from backstage to a reaction akin to a Saturn V at liftoff.

In typical Flaming Lips fashion, Coyne could not simply run onstage and get on with the show. Indeed, he entered stage right within an inflated plastic balloon. Yes, a massive, transparent bubble.

More hamster than man, Coyne crawled around on top of the crowd—a toy for fans' bouncing enjoyment. He emerged after a few laps over our heads, grabbed his acoustic and launched into a transcendent, rollicking version of "Race for the Prize" complete with a stage flanked by hordes of aliens and Santa Clauses.

From there the show proceeded to showcase a slice of the Lips' career focusing on the recent. Their newest release, "At War With the Mystics," made the brunt of the setlist, with "Free Radicals" following up the opener. Coyne encouraged crowd participation and all in attendance sang along at the specified parts.

"Vein of Stars" and "The Yeah Yeah Yeah Song" from

"Mystics" also made the cut.

"Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots Part I" was a crowd favorite with Coyne manning confetti launchers, and an audience sung refrain to close out before segueing into Part II.

The show, unfortunately, only traced the band's roots back so far. "She Don't Use Jelly" was the earliest song from the Lips catalogue played, originally from their early 90s album,

**More hamster than man, Coyne crawled around on top of the crowd—a toy for fans' bouncing enjoyment.**



Wayne Coyne traverses the audience. (Trevor Rudge/Daily Princetonian)

"Transmissions from the Satellite Heart."

"Jelly," the band's one semi-hit, has been played at every show since 1994, Coyne claimed. He went on to explain how they have not grown tired of playing it—seeing the crowd's excitement



Wayne Coyne and the Lips surged through UVM with energy. (Mike Jones/SA Concerts)

during the opening notes keeps it fresh.

"Race for the Prize" was the only track off "The Soft Bulletin" to make it to Burlington, unfortunately. With such a hearty library at the Lips' disposal, why they insist on playing primarily from their (comparatively) subpar recent work is a mystery.

Sound problems hampered "The W.A.N.D." and "My Cosmic Autumn Rebellion," ruining their ability to energize the crowd. The difficulties were most noticeable during the former where, despite the band's insistence to play on with partial amplification, the power was sucked out of the room—a shame considering how volcanic the song is on "Mystics."

The show ended on an interestingly juxtaposed note—the set closed with "Do You Realize?" assuring the crowd that yes, life goes fast, but "you realize the sun doesn't go down/It's just an illu-

sion caused by the world spinning round."

From this optimistic standpoint, the band turned apocalyptic by encoring with a cover of Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," complete with the massive screen behind the band flashing images of Dick, Bush and Colin alongside wounded Iraqi civilians. A striking way to end the show, The Flaming Lips left the crowd with a bitter, angry message against the powerful to take back to their dorms and peers.

Other reviews of Lips shows have criticized the communal aspect of their performances with the tired "I didn't pay to hear the guy next to me singing!" argument. On the contrary, the Flaming Lips' music is perfect for the "we're all in this together," sing-a-long attitude.

In a world of darkness and doubt, The Flaming Lips shine through as a beacon of innocent, brave hope. There is no restraint or self-consciousness in their music. "I don't think George Bush listens to The Flaming Lips," Coyne lamented in one of the night's many rants, "but if he did, he probably wouldn't be making some of the decisions he is!"

Indeed, everyone from politicians to college students should experience the unbridled hallucinogenic joy of a Flaming Lips concert—it's a wash and wax job for the soul.

## Art Hop spotlights local artists

**Talent is only a hop, skip and a jump to Burlington's South End**

By MEREDITH RIVLIN

Fourteen years ago, Burlington's South End began satisfying the senses with the first ever South End Art Hop, and has been continuing in this fashion ever since. Over 300 local artists of all



Jen Berger (left) and Raina Bourland putt on a mini-golf course designed by nine local artists. (Simone Labonte)

styles, scopes and media gathered in Burlington Friday and Saturday to share their work with some 25,000 hoppers.

Businesses and office buildings were temporarily converted into galleries where the wine flowed like wine and one could not resist stroking her elitist chin as the smell of Järlsberg permeated the room.

This year's Art Hop was no exception. Conant Custom Brass was temporarily home to Vermontscapes, a multi-toned take on Vermont's scenic views, and cartoonist Hal Mayforth, who has previously done artwork for Time, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated and HBO.

Jamey May had a display of mixed media pieces ranging from a designer clothing-clad Jesus and Mary, to his three foot "Ipod," made entirely of cassettes and vinyl—a clash between the near obsolete music paraphernalia and the new robotic craze of music that can no longer be held physically in the hand of the listener.

Did Avi and Celia set the stage for the artwork, or was it the artwork that set the stage for them? Either way, the small room inside Conant Custom Brass was trans-

formed into a gallery harboring colorful yet somber artwork in acrylic and watercolor by Joanne Nagy Elliot and the music of UVM's own talented folk duo, Avi and Celia.

Other musical talent Friday night was seen in the Great Harvest/Fresh Market parking lot

**The wine flowed like wine and one could not resist stroking her elitist chin as the smell of Järlsberg permeated the room.**

where Momster, Jeh Kulu, and Van Goghne + the Oily 8 (featuring members of local Burlington acts like Swale, The Lazybirds, Gua Gua, Red Beans and Rice, and more) livened up the block party.

In the new Pine Street Artworks gallery, Alison Bechdel, illustrator of "Dykes to Watch Out For," and Phranc of California (a.k.a. The Cardboard Cobbler) displayed their "five dimensional collaboration" comprised of Bechdel's life-sized paper dolls and Phranc of California's cardboard clothing.

For those old enough to be

admitted into the 21+ venues, and for those who brought I.D. (absolutely no one was allowed in with no I.D., be it your 10-year-old cousin or your 75-year-old grandfather), the Flynndog Gallery offered a range of artwork from "Death and Taxes: A visual guide for where Federal Tax Dollars Go" by Jess Bachman who used "sweet, sweet data" as his medium to Christina Pellechio's earth/stoneware pieces—some retro and some almost radioactive, to Kat Clear's "Corset Couture" series with which she used a "masculine medium [perforated steel and rod] to identify a feminine subject."

Project Runway had some competition at the Specialty Filaments gallery with "Strut," the South End Art Hop's very own fashion show. Eight Burlington-based designers showed off their integration of recycled materials used in everyday fashion for men and women (and their little dogs, too!).

Garments seen on the runway were created by Jennifer Dillner, Claudia Venon, Xmas Maxon-Alley, Alicia Marchildon and Laura



Nicole Starrett (left) and Melanie Lloy admire one of the more traditional pieces of art at the hop. (Simone Labonte)

Cheney, Chris Bissonette, Allison Bannister, Joanne Kalisz and Ava Bishop and can be found at select shops around Burlington.

Saturday offered demonstrations for the kids including steelwork, mosaic, and paper-making workshops. There was an ongoing Silent Art Auction, the proceeds benefiting South End Arts and Business Association as well as the Art Hop itself.

Whether a first-time art hopper this year or a returning fan, it was impossible for the high spirits and eclectic style of the artists and their crowds to go unnoticed.



# Bob Saget gets dirty in front of a full house

**Lame dad turned lewd dude offers insight on fornication, defecation and, naturally, parenting**

By LINDSAY BELTZER

In the early 90s, Bob Saget was living the high life. Achieving groundbreaking success with two top ten primetime series, "Full House" and "America's Funniest Home Videos," he made a name for himself as America's favorite dad.

In recent years, however, Saget has managed to turn his clean-cut image right on its head.

Perhaps still living the high life, his cameo as a narcotics addict in the 1998 stoner classic, "Half Baked," was indicative of the roles he was going to pursue from then on.

In 2005, Saget stole the show in "The Aristocrats," a vulgar montage of a movie featuring virtually every successful contemporary comedian. The New York Times called the film the "most extravagantly obscene documentary ever made" about the long-standing joke of the same title—a joke shared amongst comedians since the days of Vaudeville.

From over the thirty comedians sharing the same, outrageously dirty joke, Saget's rendition paints the most colorful portrait of them all: an incestuous orgy ending with feces flying around like spin art.

And, in the second season of HBO's hit show, "Entourage," Saget appeared as the friendly bong-toking neighbor always in pursuit of the right prostitute.

So, it wasn't particularly difficult for Saget to warm up to a sold out crowd of anxiously

awaiting college students Monday night at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium.

His routine was likely the foulest UVM has ever seen.

While most comedians avoid digressions, Saget used them to his advantage. Mocking his saccharine persona, he continuously diverged into topics of various sexual positions, bestiality, and, oddly enough, his parenting skills (Saget has daughters, but as he warned the crowd, "Don't you f\*\*\*ing f\*\*\* my daughters!").

*While Saget has moved on from his 'Full House' days, the basis of his standup certainly recalls old times, even if old times are his only material*

It was strangely comforting to learn from Saget's standup show that he still remains close with the cast of "Full House," and yes, even the Olsen twins.

And who would have thought that Dave Coulier, aka Uncle Joey, shaved his testicles?

While Saget has moved on from his "Full House" days, the basis of his standup certainly recalls old times, even if old times are his only material.

## A sit down with Saget

**Vermont Cynic:** Lately there has been a lot of press circulating around your image. It seems that since "Full House," you've been exposing a darker and dirtier side. Have you received any crit-

icism for taking on roles that are so unlike Danny Tanner?

**Bob Saget:** Well, I started doing standup before "Full House." But people definitely got to know me from the show. It's like the Brady Bunch. Its what I'm known for, and I wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing now if it wasn't for that show. People know my sense of humor, they know I'm 'R' rated, and know the show was only demonstrating one of many things I'm capable of as an actor.

**VC:** Even though you were on camera in "The Aristocrats" for roughly seven minutes, your appearance definitely received notable attention. How many different versions do you tell and which comedians' versions do you particularly enjoy?

**BS:** Well, I actually don't remember what I said. I just got in the zone and did it. I think Gilbert Gottfried and Sarah Silverman were great. She was just very much in character... But there were people who weren't in it, who I would have loved for them to be. Like Bill Cosby, and Jerry Seinfeld. I liked the clean comics who rarely do that dirty sort of thing.



(Ike Messmore)

**VC:** What are some of your favorite shows on television right now?

**BS:** My daughter and I watch "Project Runway"

together. I love "South Park" and "The Simpsons," basically what everybody else watches.

**VC:** If you weren't acting, writing, or making movies, what would you be doing?

**BS:** I actually wanted to be a doctor, but I couldn't handle the idea of med school. I did terrible in all sciences. I just couldn't apply myself. I was nine when I picked up a camera and started making movies. I went to Temple University in Philly, and made sixty hours of student films and actually won the Student Academy Award.

**VC:** What other projects are you currently working on?

**BS:** Right before I came here I was actually working on the ending credits for a new movie that I wrote, directed, and produced called "Farce of the Penguins." It's a parody of course, of "March of the Penguins." A lot of people are in it, but it's all voiceovers. It's all stock footage of actual penguins. We didn't shoot a frame of film, it's just penguins. Their mouths don't move, they just walk around and have sex. And I have a new game show that will be on NBC soon called, vs. 100."



Bob Saget at Patrick Gym for the "This Ain't Full House Tour" (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

# He's coming, so cope with it

**Citizen Cope begins his 40-city fall tour at Higher Ground in South Burlington**

STAFF REPORT

Clarence Greenwood, known on stage as Citizen Cope, will be kicking off his fall tour on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at South Burlington's Higher Ground. The tour is in support of his newest album, "Every Waking Moment," scheduled for release on September 12.

Originally from Memphis, Cope relocated to Washington, DC and found his musical niche. It was during his time there that he developed his unique style: a blend of folk, soul, rock and hip hop.



Clarence Greenwood a.k.a. Citizen Cope (Sing365.com)

Cope's appeal comes from his ability to create multilayered and provocative songs over the simplest of music. Most of his songs are juxtaposed with a loose hip hop beat, a piano or a guitar. The lyrics themselves are uncomplicated, sounding like a minimalist poem—sparse, but descriptive and powerful.

His style is deliberate and drawly. What may seem tedious to some is refreshing for others, and with Cope's delivery over smoky beats, his carefully written lyrics have more ability to sink in.

In recent years he has found commercial success, literally, with the single, "Son's

Gonna Rise" airing on a commercial for Pontiac. From the 2004 album, "The Clarence Greenwood Recordings," the ominous but optimistic song also enjoyed airtime on "One Tree Hill."

As the title indicates, the song describes not the literal "sun" rising, but the drive to the hospital where a "son" will be born.

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Cope has also collaborated with Carlos Santana on the song "Sideways" which appeared on Santana's 2002 album, "Shaman." Now based in Brooklyn, Cope describes his new

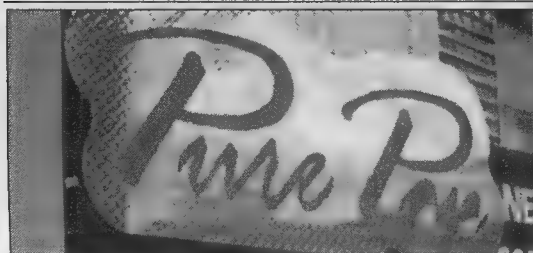
album on his website as "stripped away."

He steered clear of anything that "didn't enhance the material or make the songs better," Cope says—a new move, considering Cope has been accused of stretching material too far at times.

Citizen Cope is playing his newest tracks live at Higher ground on Sept. 13.



"Every Waking Moment" is Citizen Cope's third album. (Amazon.com)



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# Return to Cookie Mountain

## Album Review: TV on the Radio

**TV on the Radio's second album, packed with emotion, is finally released in America**

By ERIN SULLIVAN

Two years since their last release, TV on the Radio is back with "Return to Cookie Mountain." The album was released worldwide on July 6, with the exception of the U.S. and Canada, where the album will be released on September 12. Already being praised as one of the best releases of the year, "Return to Cookie Mountain" blends jazz, hip hop, doo-wop, and avant-garde rock together with powerful, atmospheric vocals.

Hailing from New York City, TV on the Radio was formed in 2001 and is comprised of Tunde Adebimpe, Kyp Malone, David Andrew Sitek, Jaleel Buntun, and Gerard Smith.

During the first few years, the band was signed to Touch and Go Records, but the band transitioned to a major label, and "Return to Cookie Mountain" is their debut release on

Interscope Records.

The album opens with the extremely complex track, "I Was a Lover." This track combines broken guitars with hip hop beats and horns that bellow with sadness. Adebimpe's

**'Return to Cookie Mountain' blends jazz, hip hop, doo-wop, and avant-garde rock together with powerful, atmospheric vocals**

vocals sink into the music, singing, "And we don't make eye contact when we have run-ins in town/just a barely polite nod and nervous stares towards the ground," adding to the sense of being a failed romantic.

The second track, "Hours," is much more in-your-face with its political messages and references with lines like "just too bad they lied/oh come around/inform our future youth/summon from the sky."

Adebimpe sings with a sense of anguish, but also hope for the future.

"Province" is one of the standout tracks on the album, not only due to the beautiful and haunting piano that is scattered throughout, but also because David Bowie is featured on the backing vocals. Apparently, it was Bowie, an avid fan of TV on the Radio, who proposed the idea to the band.

"Playhouses" is one of the more layered tracks with a range of vocals that embosses the music rather than sinks into it. Heavy, syncopated drums back the vocals, which make it one of the more powerful tracks on the album.

The fifth track on "Return to Cookie Mountain" is the catchiest. "Wolf Like Me" achieves this stuck-on-you status with the repetition of "we're howling forever" and a forceful feel with lines like "Charge me your day rate/I'll turn you out in kind/when the moon is round and full/gonna teach you tricks that blow your mind."

TV sings from the gutter in "Down Here," a track filled with a sense of anguish, despair, and a

search for truth, found within the lyrics, "now I'm waiting for an answer patiently/stuck here at the bottom of this well/it's not the last you've heard from me." The melancholy lyrics collide with a parade of horns, layered vocals, and drums that only deepen the emotions of the song.

Adebimpe returns with his failed romantic concept on "Tonight" and adds to that sadness with soulful vocals along with soft drums and the mournful croon of a clarinet.

The (UK-released) album concludes with the lengthiest track on the album, "Wash the Day." Layered vocals and guitars, bold drums, horns,



TV's second release (smh.com.au)

and a flute come together in the epic song about hopes, dreams, and fears.

"Return to Cookie Mountain" has enjoyed a heap of hype from the mainstream press, partly due to the album's prior release in the UK.

But good things come to those who wait. Those who buy "Cookie Mountain" on Sept. 12 will enjoy three hidden tracks absent from the initial release, including a remix of "Hours" by Definitive Jux rapper and producer El-P, adding to TV's compelling and complex sophomore album.



TV on the Radio. (blog.ameba.jp)

# Off the Record with Nate Flannery

**The Roots: Hip hop's band**

I started listening to "Game Theory," the new album from The Roots, hip-hop's most celebrated live instrument band, with a degree of apprehension and an expectation of disappointment.

While I enjoyed the Roots' 1999 release "Things Fall Apart" (inspired by Chinua Achebe's tale of African colonization and cultural destruction) for the past few years I have been hesitant to listen to the group. My concern

is that they had strayed too far from making real rap music into the murky realm of jam band music, or as some would call it, irrelevance.

A few years ago I saw them rip apart the stage with hard-hitting hip hop for a mostly black audience in Washington, DC. Last year I made the mistake of seeing their show at the Patrick Gym, at which I was assaulted with whining guitar solos and an overabundance of hippie arm-swinging "dancing." I left with an unsatiated urge to hear some real rap.

I speculate that at the time of the release of their latest album, the group shares more fans with the guitar-twanging Dave Matthews Band than with fellow Philadelphia gun-busting ghetto celebrity Beanie Siegel a.k.a. Mack Mittens.

The first few minutes of the group's newest project lived up to my low expectations. But, after the skippable "False Media" finished, I was blown away by a thoughtful, dark, beautiful and musically triumphant album.

On this album, The Roots go back to their roots, both thematically and musically, rapping about poverty, struggle, hopelessness, and senseless violence over sonically stunning and soulful hip-hop beats.

Avoiding the self-aggrandizing glorification of violence promulgated by the likes of 50 Cent and company, Roots front

man/rapper Black Thought tells stories in the style of a pensive chain-smoker sitting on his porch reflecting on the suffocating misery he sees around him.

On a nearly uniformly exceptional album, standout tracks include "In the Music" which combines an infectious drum beat with sparse guitar, and bass licks which are so subtle that they seem more like another aspect of the percussion rhythm than melodic rock and roll riffs.

On this song Black Thought's vocals dominate the

**Black Thought tells stories in the style of a pensive chain-smoker sitting on his porch reflecting on the suffocating misery he sees around him**



(Amazon.com)

sparse soundscape, as he spins tales about the gritty life that gave Philly its Filthadelphia pseudonym, rapping, "If you into sight seeing then don't visit there/It's somewhere between Jersey and Delaware/Philly never scared and them ni\*\*\*s ain't timid there/them young triggers lose lives by the minute there."

"Baby" is a beautiful and melancholy, timeless song about hip hop and the emotion-

al travails of a heart-broken girl. The gospel-style hook, "Old man don't like the jitterbug, said this old dirty music/hip hop just so ridiculous/them stories so confusin'" sets the tone of the song as Black Thought raps over a beat composed with hand-claps, a capella shouts, and some bluesy bass and drum rhythms.

"Long Time" links Black Thought up with Philly's up-and-coming rapper, Peedi Crack, a Beanie Siegel associate, on a solid generational connection between an established veteran and a promising young gun.

Over an infectious beat which combines a slow bass rhythm with an upbeat drum beat and mesmerizing string arrangement, Black Thought takes a trip down memory lane, reminiscing on the formative South Philly stories that made him the man he is today.

Peedi Crack spits fire by, in his own words, "calculating every verse to arrive on beat" with a perfectly metered, bouncing and melodic rhyme that harkens back to the vocal patterns from the classic rap of the early 80s.

It seems to be the trend lately for veteran artists to link up with major labels and make a "fresh" start; getting back to the basics, rapping about long-past stories of street politics, stress and struggle.

It's up for debate whether the feel and lyrical content of this album is a result of the Roots' creative energy alone, or the reaction to a wink and a nudge from the suits at Def Jam who make the business decisions.

Music industry politics aside, "Game Theory" is a beautiful album sure to remain on permanent rotation near the top of my cd stack for years to come.



# The WickerMan

## Film Review

**Similar to the original, the remake is meant to appeal to contemporary audiences**

By JORDAN THORSON

Filled with twists, turns and predictable camera work uniform to contemporary Hollywood, "The Wicker Man," a remake of the 1973 film with the same name, is perfect for a run of the mill Saturday night horror flick.

Despite the similar dialogue and the same twisty ending, the two movies are not parallel. Rather, the separate plot lines are like two winding roads that end up in the same town.

The original movie, directed by Robin Hardy and based on the original novel and screenplay by Anthony Shaffer, has been referred to as genius in its own right. It is considered to be a cult film based on its ability to confirm people's worst suspicions of remote islands.

The nudist, pagan society created by Shaffer in the original film made the hidden land of Summersisle a somewhat

**Both of these films allude to the notion that no religion is perfect; whether Paganism or Christianity**

believable myth. It was made at a time when filmmakers liked to portray subjects that were not so much scary as they were psychologically thrilling.

In the 1973 original, a policeman is summoned to the island by a letter saying there was a girl that had gone missing. The island of Summersisle, located off the coast of Scotland, is, from the very beginning, unwelcoming. The inhabitants of the isle and their ways seem to be generally male-oriented, extreme and creepy in an indeterminate way.

The 2006 remake, directed by Neil LaBute, is set off the coast of Washington is similar, but has obviously been rebuffed to appeal to today's audiences. LaBute, who also wrote the "Wicker Man," likely added characters to make the cast more star-studded.

The extensive nudity for which the original film was known has indeed been cut out in the remake - it's not the



Nicholas Cage stars in the cult remake. (wnyt.com)

70s anymore.

Nicholas cage plays police officer Edward Malus in the new version and finds the eerie situation placing itself in his lap. When he is led to the isolated island, he finds a society just as strange as in the original film, but this go around it is extremely female oriented.

The original community, which was lead by Lord Summersisle (played by Christopher Lee), is headed in the 2006 version by a woman, Sister Summersisle, played by Ellen Burstyn.

The biggest divergence from the original film though, is that the story starts with Edward Malus and how the community of Summersisle entered his life and beckoned him to the island. But in the 1973 version, it is Malus who intrudes on them.

Both films depict an isolated community with a realistic eye, causing the audience to question their own idea of reality. Both of these films allude to the notion that no religion is perfect; whether Paganism or Christianity, both sides have their downfalls, which, in "The Wicker Man," inevitably leads to a creepy conclusion.

A cult classic cannot really be argued, but, for argument sake, the new film version of Anthony Shaffer's novel is filled with the thick plot that the American audience craves so much, and twists that hit harder than in the original. Still, it's not going to make cult status any time soon.



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1 tsp salt  
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- Cook Ramen as usual, do not crush noodles. Boil ramen till done & drain.
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- Beat 2 eggs and place in 1 quart bowl.
- Heat up fryer or castiron sauce pan with oil.
- Separate and twist noodles, dry slightly on paper-towels.
- Dip ramen 4-5 strands at a time in beaten eggs, we like it kinda braided or twisted
- Dip strands in batter & fry till golden brown. Salt to taste.

## The Odd Couple

NOT THE TV SHOW, A DIFFERENT ODD COUPLE.

BY JAKE ZIWICH



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# The Hawk, the Cane, and the Mick

By MATTHEW BRIERE-SALTIS

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## Preface

I met three men in Mexico, known only by the monikers the Cane, the Mick, and the Hawk. The Cane got his name from his visible dependence on a thick black wooden cane he kept close to his side. The Mick was the loudest of the three, although spoke far fewer words. Finally the Hawk, diminutive in stature but not volume, sported a Mohawk that stood nearly six inches off his otherwise smooth-shaven head. The three were inhabiting the darkest corner of the surliest bar Tijuana had to offer. Perhaps it was the raucous shouting or simply the fact that they were speaking unfettered English that instantly drew my gaze, but once captured it was never relinquished.

From the bar I alternated sipping coronas and eavesdropping on the tall tale the trio was recounting. The scenes they described were both vivid and astonishingly far fetched, aided and abetted by the veracity of their verbiage. As glasses were emptied and the early evening crowd egressed into the street and homeward I approached the trio with a great hopefulness. "Would it interest you sirs," I began, "to become the judicious subjects of a most serendipitous novel?" Confusion caused by my nervous 19th century dialect aside they seemed somewhat compelled to learn more.

"What exactly would this book be about friend?" asked the jovial Cane. "And what would be in the cards for us if we acquiesced to this request?" Realizing immediately they were shrewd enough to be considered intelligent, I rebuked myself for such a carelessly clumsy preface.

I had but one more trick up my sleeve and that was to bare to them my full intentions. "To be quite honest I have no considerable amount of money to offer you and I can't say with any certainty that chronicling your escapades will be any more than an amateur attempt at recording your apparent metropolitan exploits. While I may be more young than decorated, and more aspiring than accomplished, I assure you my abilities with a pen and paper are sufficient enough to mold the rough rhetoric you've regurgitated now for that last four hours into something of an epic, second perhaps only to Milton's *Paradise Lost*." The three mulled over this proposal for a short time in hushed tones and inaudible dialects so that I was at a loss over their true intentions when the three finally turned and spoke in turn.

"Firstly," began the Cane with a level voice, "we appreciate and resent your honesty all at once. We have discussed your offer and believe we have reached a counter-offer which you may either choose to accept in good faith, or walk away from."

"Money isn't our first interest in this case," intoned the Mick, "although it is a close second. We're willing to share every adventure we've ever had with you under one condition."

Now it was the Hawk's turn to chime in, "We aren't the smartest, the bravest, or the best looking group of men out here. This must be remedied if you are to publish any of our exploits. Thus, in recording what we recount, we ask that you record it in a way so as to make us sound intelligent, wise, brave, and debonair. While the facts and events will retain authenticity, the exact dialogue must be lost in translation. In other words, 'dude' will now mean 'good sir' and profanity should be replaced with whatever proclamation you see fit."

I understood their reasons and didn't blame them for wanting certain phrases tweaked. So I agreed that, barring the violation of truth, I would engender a more sophisticated flare to the tales that would flow forth from the Hawk, the Cane, and the Mick. Thus, in the proceeding paragraphs all that is recorded shall be anything but a direct quote, but certainly the events and repercussions will be the exact and sworn truthful events enacted by my three new acquaintances.

## CHAPTER 1

### North of the Boarder

On an extremely fine-weathered day in the south of November, the Hawk the Cane and the Mick made their way north along Interstate 15, which ran through Great Falls, Montana and then meandered for about an hour toward that Canadian Boarder. Driving in a purple Dodge Stratus the trio were less apt to be targeted by radar police officers and had nary a care intruding on their thoughts. All three were in their early twenties with various degrees of partial college education. The Cane drove while the Mick and Hawk inhabited the rear seat along with their friend Dirty Sanchez. Dirty was the bastard son of immigrant workers but showed a real penchant for numbers, gardening, and sports trivia. Riding shotgun was Cousin Ray-Ray. Whose cousin he was I was never privy to, but he seemed to claim relations with each of the four travelers at different times. Dirty and Ray-Ray were both older than our three heroes and thus provided a level head at times when level-headedness was scarce.

Shortly after crossing the boarder and turning onto the Canadian route 3, the group encountered their first memorable obstacle. A large steer (presumably the largest and steerest of all the cattle in Saskatchewan) had positioned himself so that no vehicle could pass on the farm lined, thin-shouldered road. The five huddled together and combined their vast intellects to determine what the best solution for this conundrum would be. The Mick favored hitting the large brute with the car until it moved. The Cane quickly shot down that idea and Dirty Sanchez grabbed the Hawk before he could successfully transform into a vehicle himself and head butt the monstrous mammal.

After some deliberation, poking, and prodding, Ray-Ray told them all to get back in the vehicle. Turning his back to the vehicle it was impossible to see what the prematurely balding man was planning until all of a sudden his arm flashed high in the air. He was wielding the bungee cord that had previously been the only thing holding his pants up. As he struck the steer's rear he backed as quickly to the vehicle as his now fallen pants would allow. The Steer turned with wild eyes and grunted as if to say, "That was a bad idea good sir." Ray-Ray dove through the open passenger side window as the steer's long horns narrowly missed his underdeveloped calves. The Cane slammed on the gas and the five friends were away and hooting back to the animal as though they were Spartan rebels having just conquered Rome.

When they finally reached Medicine Hat it took them nearly an hour to find suitable lodging. On the outskirts of the north side of town they found a motel endearingly named "Le Chambles." It came to be known as "The Shambles" to many who had rented rooms there. After paying for the room the five decided not to drop their stuff off just yet and visit a few bars. They left the car in the free parking at the motel, not wanting to waste a single looney or twoney that could be spent on booze. This proved to be an unwise decision because every Canadian penny they had was spent on the aforementioned drought. Upon exiting their last gentleman's club they realized that they had no real bearing on where they were in relation to the motel and vehicle. Worse yet, it being 2:30 in the morning the metro rail had stopped running and they possessed no funds for a taxi.

Just as all hope was evaporating and the five were searching for a park bench to sleep on they came upon a scantily clad guardian angel. Ray-Ray approached her, "We just left the club down the street there and seem to have found ourselves in quite the pickle. You see we've purchased temporary residence at a motel on the north side of town called Le Chambles and we're entirely unaware of how to get there. No more do we possess money

than a sense of direction and are in desperate need of your divine assistance." In response to this well articulated and heartfelt request the pale figure lifted a moonlit arm and spoke.

"Le Chambles is about four miles up Rue St. Germain. If you get to Nelson Park you've gone too far." The Mick and Cane realized quickly that this woman had probably visited "The Shambles" on more than one occasion and thanked her quickly while trying to convince the still teetering Hawk that she wouldn't take his movie pass as currency. Thus the five embarked on what can only be described as the most torturous, beleaguering, sobering, and frustrating eight mile walk any of them could remember. Upon finally reaching the motel they sighed heavily in relief and stumbled in drunken exhaustion to the door of their room.

Ray-Ray was the first to try the handle upon finally finding "The Shambles" and discovered his progress impeded. Next the uber-annoyed Mick tried, but found the door to be dead-bolted from inside. Marching with new found energy to the front desk the five demanded an explanation. After more speaking in tongues and desk slamming they ascertained that the room had been rented out and that there were no vacancies available. Their refund was accepted with gritted teeth and idle threats. The five then returned to their car and slowly made the trek homeward.

Perhaps an hour out of Medicine Hat the sun began to rise and the Cane found that he was the only one still awake. As his eyes wandered from the road he spotted something off the right side of the road standing underneath a large poplar tree. It appeared to be the same large steer that Ray-Ray had bested only hours previous. Thinking this a queer coincidence the Cane slowed his vehicle to a crawl and rolled down the passenger side window. He began doing his best impression of a female cow in heat. The sounds were effective and the steer sauntered over to the Stratus.

Ray-Ray awoke with a start, having heard a sharp snort in his dream. He looked first to his left and found the driver of the vehicle giggling like a sadistic fisherman. Following the gaze of his half-maniacal friend he looked out his window to see the head of the steer no more than a foot away and closing. The absolute shock and horror in Ray-Ray's scream instantly caused the Hawk to dampen his underpants and the Mick barely had time to open his door before upchucking meals from at least a week ago. Dirty's eyes opened so wide that he swears he's still a little blind from it and the Cane assures me he has never laughed so hard, nor does he plan on repeating the feat as it nearly cracked his ribs. Gassing the engine, the Cane escaped the steer with time to spare and the four slowly regained control of their bodily functions.

By the time the purple Stratus reached the boarder all four passengers were again dozing daintily in their respective seats. The Cane informed the boarder-patrol officer that they had attended a late baseball game and were now returning to help their grandmother move furniture into her nursing home. This was met with uproarious laughter and the Cane, offended, swore this to be true. After shedding a few tears the officer thanked the Cane, told him to let his friends slumber in peace and wished him a safe journey. As they neared home Ray-Ray took over driving and Dirty was allowed to navigate so he wouldn't feel as stupid for speaking German to a quasi-French hooker. The five swore they would remember this day and as they had more like it they would record their adventures and someday publish an awe-inspiring book. This, my friends, is the first chapter to that book, and only a sampling of the unheralded journeys to come. And in that sunrise, while crossing nations and nature, the legend of The Hawk, The Cane, and The Mick was born.

Look for more exhibitions of UVM student authors in future issues of the *The Vermont Cynic*.



# Fix sex mistakes over the counter

**Pro-choice comes out on top as the FDA approves an over the counter pill designed to stop unwanted pregnancies**

By SHANNON NADEAU

On August 24, the Food and Drug Administration approved over-the-counter sales of the contraceptive pill Plan B to anyone over the age of 18.

Formerly only available by prescription, the FDA approval is expected to reduce unintended pregnancies, as well as the almost one million abortions that are performed every year in the United States.

This is a breakthrough for women's health, as nearly half of all pregnancies in the U.S. are unplanned.

Some confusion exists in the minds of some, between the oral contraceptive Plan B and the common abortion drug, RU-486. Plan B comes in the form of two pills.

The first pill must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex and the second pill must be taken 12 hours later.

**PlanB**  
(LEVONORGESTREL)  
tablets 0.75 mg

*When things don't go as planned*

Just like other contraceptive pills, Plan B prevents ovulation or fertilization. It does not miscarry an already established pregnancy the way RU-486 does. Due to the confusion between the actions of the two pills, many people do not view Plan B as an acceptable form of a contraceptive.

Barr Pharmaceuticals, the manufacturers of Plan B, have asserted that proof of age will be needed in order to purchase the pills, and it will only be available in pharmacies and health clinics.

Because unprotected sex in the United States is very common, making Plan B available as an over-the-counter drug is going to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies.

Women over the age of 18 will be able to purchase the drug and will not have to worry about the pressures that a physician may put on them for not being safe.

These women will also not be forced to make a decision about abortion, or deal with the affects of that decision for the rest of their lives.

The new availability of Plan B does not mean that women should practice unsafe sexual behaviors. Plan B should only be used in emergency situations, such as those cases in which a condom breaks or slips off, or in any case that the sex was non-consensual.

Women need to be able to have the choice of what they want to do concerning their body and their lives. Over-the-counter Plan B is great for women because it provides privacy, as well as freedom.

# Dry campus means a wet downtown

**Dry campus policies force droves of underage drunks onto a downtown community that does not deserve the burden**

By THE LESSER GATSBY

For about two weeks, student residents have been living on a "dry" University of Vermont campus. Of course, what has been accomplished is not so much a dry campus as a more careful or paranoid student population.

This is no small wonder to anyone who has looked hard at the actual policy shift, which manifests itself most clearly only to those unlucky or stupid enough to get caught.

All alcohol or drug violations are now routed through the same judicial service that handles infractions ranging from plagiarism to hate crimes.

The result of this centralization of judicial power and control will likely be the same as that which typically accompanies the attendant increase in case volume: greater reliance on brand justice and subsequent legalist dehumanization of defendants.

This has been the latest development in a long line of increasingly alienating residential policies issued by an increasingly disinterested and detached administration whose only remaining tools to address the problems of student alcoholism and belligerence are threats, fear, and suspicion.

Moreover, the policy has as great a chance of punishing responsible students as it does disruptive ones, particularly given the tendency of UVM Police to listen at doorways for fizzes and pops.

The present circumstance is thoroughly out of focus with the fact that the dry campus was invoked because loud drunk people make it difficult to read, not because alcohol is evil.

Instead of strengthening lines of communication in order to develop a mutually acceptable policy, the University has chosen to wash its hands of its drunken and disaffected students and push even more inebriated youth on downtown Burlington.

The only on-campus locales that remain for sociable drinking are now art openings and the as-yet hypothetical student bar in the as-yet unfinished student center (which, if UVM stays true to form, promises to be very expensive).

There could not have been any doubt in acting president Bramley's mind that students would rather travel downtown for their beer than risk humiliation, fines, and expulsion on campus.

But then, it always has been easier and more efficient to burden the community than work through difficulties internally.

Coupled with the increased enrollment and disproportionate increase in on-campus housing, it will not be long before outraged, under-rested suburbanites and displaced low-income families are picketing on the green—that is, until the boys in Waterman call Police Services and have them all removed.



# Bush invested in opium fields

**Bush's failure has led to higher opium output in Afghanistan where there has been a 50% increase in production from last year**

By MATT JOKAJTYS

This year's opium harvest in Afghanistan has reached the highest level ever recorded with nearly a 50% percent increase in the numbers from last year.

Afghanistan has long been a cradle of opium poppy production, with both the natural and political climates contributing to create a favorable environment for Papaver Somniferum cultivation.

Opium and heroin production has been estimated to make up as much as 35% of the country's Gross Domestic Product.

But aside from having a tremendous impact on the international narcotics trade, this dramatic increase in the opium harvest is a valuable indication to the present status of Afghanistan.

Years after the Bush Administration began its operation to topple the theocratic Taliban regime, Afghanistan is still in turmoil. The opium trade is a good indicator of the problems in the country not only because the vast majority of the opium poppy cultivation occurs in the

mountainous southern region of the country that is held by insurgent forces in opposition to US backed interests in the country, but because of the corruption and crime that the narcotics trade creates in the country.

The head of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime described the opium harvest data as "alarming" and "very bad news" for the situation in Afghanistan, adding that the "southern part of Afghanistan was displaying the ominous hallmarks of incipient collapse, with large-scale drug cultivation and trafficking, insurgency and terrorism, crime, and corruption."

***"All this opium production is made possible by the existence of lawless regions held by insurgents and re-established Taliban forces"***

Such a strong statement from the UN should be very alarming to the international community.

With all this crime, corruption, and terrorism, one wonders what, exactly, it was that American taxpayers shelled out billions of dollars for, and what many American servicemen and service-women died for?

It seems as though US intervention in Afghanistan was an abysmal failure. Osama Bin Laden was not captured, nor

was his death reported or confirmed. Opium production is at record levels, and we are now on the verge of having a tidal wave of freshly harvested opium flood street corners around the world.

All this opium production is made possible by the existence of lawless regions held by insurgents and re-established Taliban forces. Is any of this on the news? Does the Bush Administration have any sort of plan or explanation for their failures? The answer seems to be no on all counts.

Perhaps the biggest tragedy in all this is the lack of public attention. The American public needs to hold their elected representatives responsible for this debacle.

It's easy to ignore the problems in Afghanistan since we are distracted by the deteriorating situation in Iraq and also the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah.

But a reactionary foreign policy simply cannot address the complex issues behind the problems we see in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Ignoring these problems will not make them go away, and topical solutions never last because they don't address the roots of the problems. We need to rethink the way we deal with other countries, because our strategy of invasion and occupation didn't work in Afghanistan, isn't working in Iraq, and won't work anywhere in the future.



# Naked man exposes more than himself

*Cynic Executive Editorial*

C.W. SOULE & E.A. DANFORTH III

**What happened in Harris Hall reveals the administration's preference in keeping students safe from themselves, not from violence**

It is very clear that the UVM administration has created a double standard for its scope of authority at UVM.

On one hand, the administration has told the students that it is concerned with their safety above all else. Meanwhile, on the other hand, the administration cannot keep a naked and intoxicated man from entering a student dormitory and assaulting three women.

The administration used student safety as the justification for their new 'Search For a Cause' policy, which enables UVM staff to enter a student's room without a warrant. In its essence, this policy will be enforced to protect students from abusing drugs and alcohol even if the United States Constitution permits them to do so.

If safety is paramount, then why are UVM staff members not stopping naked assailants in the dorms?

The 'Search for a Cause' policy has many people's emotions stirred up after it was used on August 26 for the first time, resulting in UVM student Ian Collins being suspended from academics and expelled from the dorms. The very name of the policy elicits an unconstitutional connotation.

As a community, we are left with a policy that on paper sounds heinous enough to warrant at the least redrafting if not removal.

The question being asked now is, 'has the administration taken too much authority into their hands? Are they now overreaching not only common decency but also the United States Constitution?'

Ian Collins believed that UVM did violate his constitutional rights and he filed a lawsuit against UVM promptly, resulting in the University dropping his academic suspension.

Why would the administration drop the suspension when it was threatened by a lawsuit? That is, unless it was aware of the unlawfulness of the policies that it enforces.

It seems evident that UVM has overstepped constitutional

boundaries with sending a clear message about its policies, then why did they drop the suspension charges against Collins? Surely a message has now been sent that if one files suit against the University for violating one's rights then the University will let you bend the rules.

What is the standard that the administration uses to determine when it will let students brake the rules and when it won't? As students, we at the Cynic are unsure of this standard and fear that the it has nothing to do with precedent, student rights, or even the interests of UVM students.

UVM has overstepped its boundaries as a public institution. It has violated a student's rights. Moreover, the justification for this violation is safety, a basic human right that UVM does not provide for all of its students.

UVM has created a double standard for providing safety. It will protect roommates who choose to smoke pot and subsequently tweak out, but it does nothing to prevent naked, intoxicated, men from entering dorms and assaulting women.

The administration is now looking back and thinking with regret about what happened in Harris 4 Low when Colby Eck assaulted three women. They are also looking back regretfully at Ian Collins' lawsuit and wondering, what do we do now?

A clear policy must be implemented to keep all students safe from violence before any other policies can even be considered.

**UVM protects us from hurting ourselves with marijuana and alcohol but they don't protect us from physical and sexual violence. What is the standard of safety that the administration is using?**

boundaries with its new 'Search for a Cause' policy and that it is acutely aware of the possible repercussions.

UVM has said that it wants to send a clear message to the students about illegal substances. After all, the administration justified the new dry campus resolution by saying that they wanted to send a clear message to all students that drinking is illegal everywhere on campus and not just in the sub-free dorms.

If UVM is actually con-

# Inebreation 101

**Dry campus policies have been taken too far by the administration, it is time students are treated as adults, not children**

By MAX BOOKMAN

We get it. The University is on the warpath against irresponsible drinking at UVM. No doubt, the trends are alarming. Within the past years, there has been a noticeable rise in the amount of students who have experienced the negative consequences of binge drinking, defined by most authorities as having more than four to five drinks a night.

The school administration responded to these trends by implementing the dry campus policy, not allowing any alcoholic beverages on campus, even if the person possessing the alcohol is 21 or older.

The newest addition to UVM's fight against alcohol came at the beginning of the summer, when incoming freshmen received a surprise in their newly created UVM email accounts: a mandatory invitation to participate in a program called AlcoholEdu.

For those of you who will be graduating before 2010, and therefore will not be saved from the clutches of binge drinking, AlcoholEdu is a three-hour online course that through friendly narrations, quirky case studies, and gimmicks like personalized feedback, aims to deter participants from drinking their way into the insurmountable problems that come from alcohol abuse.

Sounds like a good idea. After all, we can all agree that habitual drinking of alcohol can be problematic on numerous fronts. But here's how they did it all wrong.

The implementation of AlcoholEdu was a mess from the start. Instead of discussing the program with students at orientation in June, freshmen were sent a simple email, setting the due date for the first three-hour section of the course some time in mid July.

Huh? Every facet of UVM life was explained in excruciating detail at freshman orientation, why would they fail to so much as mention this required course? Was this a joke?

The program is supposedly required, but there are no consequences for not completing it. The school actually expected students to complete this surprise course over the summer, and take it seriously.

Graduated high school seniors are busy over the summer. They have to get as much time in with their friends as they can, they have summer jobs, not to mention the stress of preparing for college.

Some go away for the summer and have no or limited Internet access. The last thing anyone wants to do is a three hours alcohol education course that has no consequences for not completing it.

Vivian De Jesus Garay, the Assistant Dean for Retention and Assessment Division of Student and Campus Life, admits, "We get that it's a potential burden. I think



(Pennlive.com)

we can do a better job."

So, what about students who actually gave AlcoholEdu a chance and paid attention to the course?

Freshmen were disappointed to find that most of the information in AlcoholEdu had already been relayed to them in high school and middle school through health class and programs like Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

"A lot of it I knew already through experience and school," says Dylan Moorhead, a freshman who took AlcoholEdu over the

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summer. "What I didn't already know, I didn't need to know."

An incoming class's first impression of UVM should not be a monotonous, repetitive waste of time like AlcoholEdu.

Freshman Kait Smith said, "Half the people who took it don't even pay attention. If you want it to matter, don't make it a short online course."

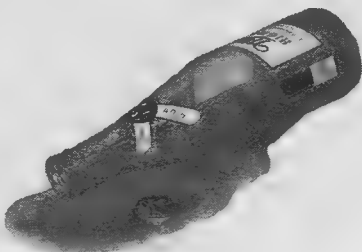
It is not within the University's ability to change student opinions about alcohol. We college students are at an age and are in an environment where we are open to challenging the social norms that exist in our lives.

The school administration, being aware of this, jumped on the opportunity to get students to challenge their views about alcohol.

The University forgot that while we are open minded and ready to learn, we are not ready to be preached to about something so prevalent in our lives yet so separated from academics as alcohol.

Drinking is not a subject like sociology or political science, where we are interested in hearing what our authority figures have to say. Alcohol falls more along the lines of cigarette smoking and eating disorders. Yes, it happens on campus, but no, we do not want to hear what the school has to say about it.

College is an institution of academic growth and learning. It is not a place for active social molding of those who attend.



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**9.12  
tuesday**

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*Metronome / 21+ / Free*

"Abandoned:" film and discussion The first part of Center for Cultural Pluralisms series on immigration examines the historical policies and laws directed at keeping immigrants from coming to the U.S. "Abandoned" takes a closer look at the detention and deporta-

tion policies while capturing the anti-immigrant sentiment. A facilitated discussion will follow afterwards.  
*UHeights Multipurpose Room / 5pm*

Women's Soccer vs. Siena  
*Centennial Field / 3pm-5pm*

**9.13  
wednesday**

Citizen Cope at Higher Ground  
*Doors 8pm show at 9pm / \$16 advance \$18 day of*

Students for a Free Tibet weekly meeting  
*6pm - 7pm / Living and Learning A161*

**9.14  
thursday**

Vermont Reggae Soundclash: Solomon Sound vs. Itation Sound  
*Metronome / \$3*

Night Owl Comedy Club presents: Kyle Cease, as seen in "Not Another Teen Movie" and Ten Things I Hate About You" and winner of Comedy Central's 2002 Laugh Riots

Hollywood Competition.  
*Billings North Lounge / 8pm*

**9.15  
friday**

UVM Outing Club Fest Free Concert featuring The Slip and Ten Mile Tide  
*CBW Green Festival starts at 10am Music starts at 7pm*

Badfish: A tribute to Sublime at Higher Ground  
*Doors 8pm show at 9pm / \$17*

John Dewey Memorial Lecture  
"Losing One's Self" Cheshire Calhoun, Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy from Colby College  
*John Dewey Lounge (325 Old Mill) / 4:30pm*

**9.16  
saturday**

"Click" Saturday Night Movie  
*CC Theater / 8 & 11 pm*

**9.17  
sunday**  
Colors of the Amazon: Featherworks from the Nalin and Petersen Collections  
*Fleming Museum / Free / 1pm-5pm*

**9.18  
monday**

Condoms and Cupcakes  
*Billings North Lounge / 8pm*

**9.19  
tuesday**

In Search of Aztlan interweaves dramatized comedy scenes with documentary interviews as it follows a comedy troupe on their journey to the original location of Aztlan, the ancient homeland of the Aztec people who founded the empire of Tenochtitlan in the year 1325 A.D, which they suspect is in the Southwestern United States  
*Waterman / 12-1:30pm*

Widespread Panic  
*Memorial Auditorium (Main St) / Doors 6:30pm show at 7:30pm / \$36*

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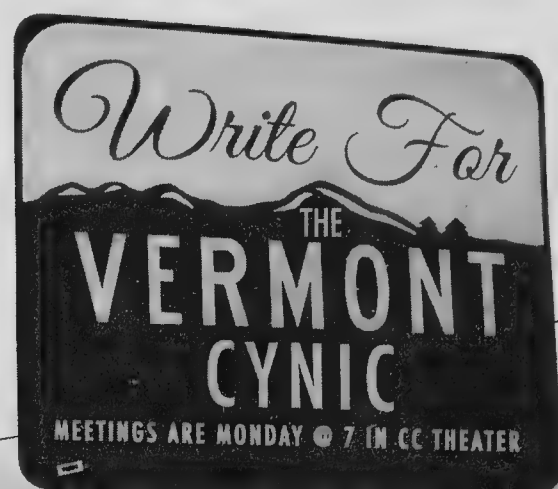
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~ NFL ~

# Week two predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

## Game of the Week

**NY Giants at Philadelphia** – A huge divisional matchup that will give one of these teams the early upper hand on the NFC East.

The Giants defense will be hard pressed to stop the high-powered offense of the Eagles and QB Donovan McNabb. But with QB Eli Manning and RB Tiki Barber NY has the ability to score as well.

Philadelphia will use their home field advantage to gain a slight edge and come out on top. Final 24-21 Philadelphia.

## Best of the Rest

**Carolina at Minnesota** – The Vikings do not have the caliber of player at the skill positions that Carolina does. This game will be tighter because it is being played in Minnesota but the Panthers should not have much trouble getting a victory. Final 27-13 Carolina.

**Buffalo at Miami** – After a good performance in the first game look for new Dolphin's QB Daunte Culpepper to be even more comfortable in the offense as he drives them to victory. Final 20-10 Miami.

**Houston at Indianapolis** – The Colts will not have an issue in their home opener against the lowly Texans. QB Peyton Manning will have a field day against the porous Houston D. Final 30-17 Indianapolis.

**Detroit at Chicago** – The Bears second straight divisional matchup pits them against the resurgent Lions. Detroit is much improved over past seasons but does not have the skill level to stay with the Bears in Chicago. Final 17-10 Chicago.

**Cleveland at Cincinnati** – The battle of Ohio will be a great chance for Bengal's QB Carson Palmer to show that he is completely healed from last season's knee surgery. Cincinnati should not have a problem getting past the Browns. Final 27-10 Cincinnati.

**Tampa Bay at Atlanta** – The Falcons will have to rely on QB Michael Vick's speed and talent against the very tough Buccaneer defense. The young arm of QB Chris Simms will lead Tampa Bay to victory. Final 24-17 Tampa Bay.

**Oakland at Baltimore** – The Raiders offense is much improved over the last couple of seasons but they will have trouble moving the ball against the stingy Raven defense. Final 17-7 Baltimore.

**Arizona at Seattle** – This game is a great yardstick for the Cardinals to see how far they have come. Even after all the changes made this offseason, Arizona still does not measure up to the Seahawks. Final 24-14 Seattle.

**New England at NY Jets** – The Patriots are still getting warmed up this season. But that should be easy against the defunct Jets who have both defensive and offensive troubles. Final 24-10 New England.

**Washington at Dallas** – Going into Dallas is a feat of its own, but it is even harder when you have to face the resurgent Cowboys and coach Bill Parcells. The Redskins do not have the poise to compete in a hostile environment. Final 20-14 Dallas.

**Pittsburgh at Jacksonville** – The Steelers will hope to get QB Ben Roethlisberger back after an emergency appendectomy kept him out of the first game. Even without their leader, Pittsburgh will be hard to beat. Final 24-17 Pittsburgh.

## Upset Special

**Kansas City at Denver** – The Broncos are picked by many to win their division but the Chiefs cannot be written off. Kansas City has the offensive firepower to stay in any game, and win some too. Final 32-27 Kansas City.

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Tuesday (Sept. 12)

Women's Soccer vs. Siena 3pm

Friday (Sept. 15)

Men's Soccer @ UMass vs Rhode Island 1pm

Women's Soccer @ Virginia 5pm

Saturday (Sept. 16)

Cross Country @ McGill 11am

Sunday (Sept. 17)

Women's Soccer @ George Wash. 12pm

Men's Soccer @ UMass 12 pm

Field Hockey @ Cornell 1pm

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Friday (Sept. 8)

Men's Soccer: W - UVM 3, Cornell 1

Saturday (Sept. 9)

Field Hockey: W - UVM 5, Miami (Oh.) 4 (OT)

Sunday (Sept. 10)

Men's Soccer:

Field Hockey:

## TEAM RECORDS (thru Sept. 9)

Men's Soccer

2-1-2, 0-0 America East

Women's Soccer

0-2-1, 0-0 America East

Field Hockey

2-3, 0-0 America East

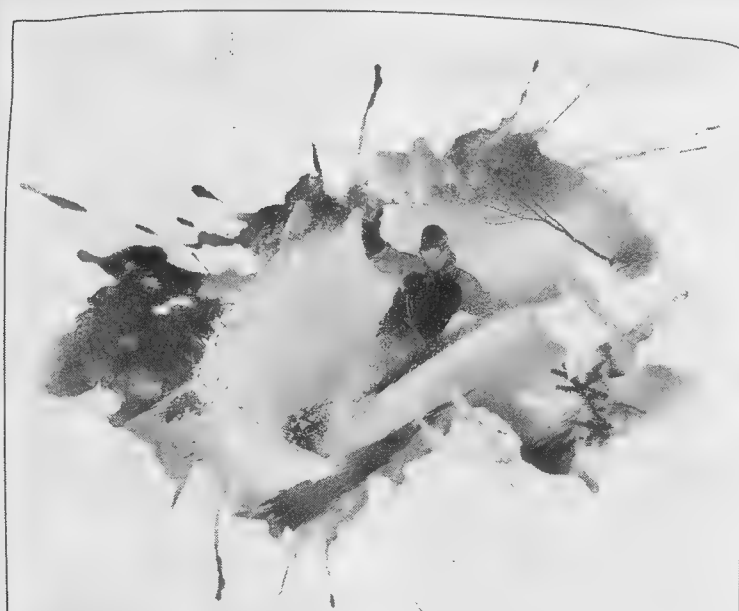
## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### USATODAY TOP 25

1. Ohio State
2. Southern California
3. Notre Dame
4. Auburn
5. West Virginia
6. Florida
7. LSU
8. Texas
9. Georgia
10. Florida State
11. Oklahoma
12. Louisville
13. Michigan
14. Virginia Tech
15. Miami (Fla.)
16. Iowa
17. Tennessee
18. Oregon
19. Nebraska
20. ICU
21. California
22. Texas Tech
23. Arizona State
24. Alabama
25. Boston College

### AP TOP 25

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# South Bend or Columbus?

By NATE MATUSICK

Although UVM doesn't have a football team, many students and faculty campus-wide are excited for another season of college gridiron action.

Football, especially at the college level, has firmly taken hold of American fascination in recent years, and not without merit. Dynasties dethroned, hall of fame coach show-downs, and Heisman finalist showcases were among the many scenarios played out in last year's Bowl Championship Series that brought the game to possibly its highest level of popularity ever.

With last year's brightest stars now readying themselves for their rookie years in the NFL, new and unexpected faces are looking to take their place.

However, one face already accustomed to the spotlight tops the list of Heisman hopefuls and will be expected to lead college football's most storied program back to the national championship game. After visiting the Downtown Athletic Club as a Heisman finalist last year the University of Notre Dame's Brady Quinn returns for his final season under center.

Quinn will get some help though from a strong set of returning players on offense,

## 2007 NCAA Champion may be one of two schools less than 300 miles apart

notably his go-to receiver Jeff Samardzija. Samardzija found the endzone 15 times and caught 77 balls in his breakout junior season. But look for wideout Remia McKnight, who had 108 receiving yards in the season opener, to reap the benefits of opposing defenses focusing on Samardzija.

Notre Dame's mediocre defense last season hopes to fare better in 2006. The cornerstone of the defense is the secondary where notable starting defensive back and professional boxer Tom Zbikowski will be roaming the backfield. Head Coach Charlie Weiss did his part by bringing in a top ranked recruiting class that includes a

pair of blue-chip corners in Raeshon McNeil and Darrin Walls.

What most comforts Weiss and Quinn is the Irish's veteran linemen. With four starters return on both sides of the ball upfront Notre Dame will be tough in the trenches. As always, the Catholic school's faithful fans can give thanks to the fact that they have one of the rowdiest stadiums west of European soccer.

So finally after resurging from mediocrity steadily within the past half-decade, Charlie Weiss looks to overcome an always-vicious schedule and live up to the hype. Irish fans can only hope...and pray.

One of the teams standing

in the way of the Irish's dream of a National Championship is the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Led by double-threat quarterback Troy Smith, Ohio State garnered the preseason number one ranking in both the AP and USA Today polls, both of which also include three other Big Ten teams in the top 20.

Although they play both ranked conference opponents at home (Penn State and Michigan), an upset special may be brewing for the Buckeyes in East Lansing on October 14th when they play against standout 3,000 yard passer Drew Stanton and the high powered Michigan State offense. Barring a possible upset by Michigan State, Ohio State's fate seems to rest in their home in Columbus.

Although other teams such as last year's Rose Bowl competitors Texas and USC also have their sights set on a national title, it would be a safe bet to assume that the 2006 season is in the hands of Notre Dame and Ohio State. Two storied programs with decorated pasts are once again in the front of the pack on the road to the Championship.



(Damian Strohmeyer/SI)

The Irish's Brady Quinn unloads a pass



# Vermont's lesser-known competitors

By NICK DECARO

## A fall club overview

### Rugby

As fall semester begins, many of UVM's club organizations are starting up again, and one of the more recognizable clubs at Vermont is the Men's Rugby team. They are coming off their most successful season to date in which they finished amongst the final eight teams in the country.

Last season's success only fuels their determination to climb

to the top this season. The team trains four days a week, and plays their games on Saturdays at the field on East Avenue. Their first game is against St. Michael's College on September 16.

"The league will be tougher as we have moved up a division but we have extremely fast and dangerous backs and very mobile and aggressive forwards," said Declan Connolly, a team advisor,

in reference to the club's rise in the Northeast Region. "Our initial goal is to win our regional conference and then take things from there."

This year's team, consisting of a 40 man roster, has its work cut out for them. But armed with both seasoned veterans, as well as many promising newcomers the team has the makeup to go quite far.

The squad is not only focused on winning, but also on building sportsmanship and making friends, as well as creating a sense of team unity.

### Crew

This year marks the UVM Crew team's 20th anniversary, and both the men's and women's Crew teams are looking to celebrate with their most successful

seasons yet. Though Crew squads are at the club level here at UVM, they compete against other colleges' varsity programs, and often fare quite well.

The women's team in particular had great success last season, sending all three of their boats to the finals, with two of the boats medaling in their respective events. This leaves the 2006 squad with big shoes to fill this fall.

The teams practice six days a week starting at the crack of dawn on the Lamoille River in Milton. Headlining this year's schedule is the Head of the Rideau, an international race in Ottawa. They will also be racing at the Head of the Charles, the New Hampshire Championships, Saratoga, and the Textile in Massachusetts.

The crew teams are always looking for new members to join, and no experience required. Interested parties should contact Heather Baldyga at [hbaldyga@uvm.edu](mailto:hbaldyga@uvm.edu).

### Roller Hockey

As this year's fall semester rolls around here at UVM, it marks the opening of a new Roller Hockey season. One of UVM's more successful teams recent years, the 2006 skaters will be looking to build on past season's success.

The team is a competitive co-ed club organized by students that participates in the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (ECRHA), a region in the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association.

One does not have to look very far into the past to see how dominant the team can be. After posting an impressive 14-3-1 record during the 2002-2003 season, they followed with a solid 16-4-2 mark in 2003-2004.

*"With everyone else back, we should be able to make it through regionals and onto nationals this season"*

Luke Brindamour, a junior at UVM, is the team's goaltender, and is the president of the club as well. Luke believes that with a bunch of new prospects on this year's team, coupled with losing only one senior from last year's squad the team should go places this season. "With everyone else back, we should be able to make it through regionals and onto nationals this season."

For the UVM Roller Hockey team the new season brings a fresh start, and along with it the lofty expectations of making a championship run. For more information about the University of Vermont's Roller Hockey program, please contact Brindamour at [lbrindam@uvm.edu](mailto:lbrindam@uvm.edu).

*If a tie is like kissing your sister, losing is like kissing your grandmother with her teeth out. ~George Brett*

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# Cats come out on top against Big Red

By NICK DECARO

The University of Vermont Catamounts beat the Cornell University Big Red of the Ivy League 3-1 in front of 1,054 fans on a beautiful Friday afternoon at Centennial Field.

The 16th annual 2006 Smith Barney Nike Classic opening round match up started off slow and a bit sloppy for both sides. "There was not much tempo or flow to start the game," head coach Jesse Cormier said. He attributed such nervousness and tension to the fact that it was the home opener.

Tension was soon eased

## UVM's Men's Soccer Team strikes early, holds on for 3 – 1 win in home opener at Centennial Field.

however and nervousness quickly turned to excitement at the 6:58 mark in the first half. Freshman T.J. Gore found the back of the net on a nice cross in the box from sophomore midfielder Jake McFadden to put Vermont on top 1-0.

The play was set up when sophomore forward Jordan Crasilneck controlled the ball outside the 18 yard box and made a spectacular pass to McFadden. For Gore, his first career goal as a

Catamount comes the day after his 19th birthday. "It was a good feeling, hopefully one of many this season," said Gore after the game.

Vermont controlled the pace of the game throughout the contest. The speed of the Catamounts offense, coupled with a solid performance from a veteran back line anchored by co-captains senior Corey Bronner and junior Panos Georgiadis made it difficult for the Big Red to get much

going on offense.

The few times Cornell was able to sneak through, Vermont goalkeeper Roger Scully was up to the challenge, making key saves when needed, especially late in the second half when he denied a break away attempt by Cornell's Dana Flanders. Scully made four saves in the game.

While most of the game was played in Big Red territory, Vermont was not able to add another goal in the first half.

"We should have had more [shots] go in tonight, it was just unlucky, but it was a good start and there is more to come," forward Tyler Hasman said.

That all changed when a mistake deep in their own end cost the Big Red. A ball played back to goalkeeper Steve Lester was misplayed and Crasilneck was there to clean up and score on an empty net. The goal, which came in the 72nd minute, was the first of the season for Crasilneck and gave the Catamounts a 2-0 advantage.

Vermont's play became sloppy towards the end of the match, and Cornell was able to brake through late in the half with a goal by Flanders in the 85th minute. The goal came off of a turnover by Scully deep in the Catamount's zone, tight-

ening the game at 2-1.

"We have got work to do. We showed youth and inexperience at times and we want to have more consistency," Coach Cormier added after the game. "We need to raise the standards."

However as quickly as the Big Red were back in the game, Vermont sealed the deal with a breakaway goal by Hasman. The junior beat the Cornell defense to a ball played by Georgiadis and toed it past Lester. The goal, his second of the season, came in the

### Sunday Results

-Cent. Conn. 4, UVM 3

-Cornell 1, UNH 0

-With Sunday's tie, Vermont (2-2-2) wins the 16th annual Smith Barney Nike Classic. Look for coverage in next Tuesday's issue.



(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont sophomore Jordan Crasilneck (6) looks to pass during the Cats 3-1 victory against Cornell on Friday.

# Cats claw out win in OT

## Goals by Stiegler and Collins propel Vermont to victory over Redhawks

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Vermont Field Hockey snatched an overtime win against Miami (Ohio) University 5-4 on Saturday at Moulton Winder Field in the first game of the inaugural Sheraton Catamount Classic.

Vermont started out strong, scoring twice in the first 15 minutes of play, putting pressure on Miami. The Redhawks came back with two goals of their own in the next 10 minutes to tie up the score.

With many interceptions and pick offs by Miami, Vermont had the challenge of channeling the Hawks to keep them from scoring.

"It's a patience game," head coach Nicki Houghton said. "Both teams were playing that way today so we just had to wait until it was the right time to intercept the ball and bring it back up to where we wanted it."

The first goal for Vermont came in the 10th minute when Maegan Luce cleared the ball up



(Rahul Mudannayake/Vermont Cynic)

Junior forward Kelly McClintock fights for the ball during Vermont's victory in the opening game of the Sheraton Classic

to junior Danielle Collins who dodged Miami goalie Megan Stengel and put it in the cage.

Collins leads the America East Conference in points scored per game this season. Vermont scored again just five minutes later off a perfectly aimed shot into the far corner of the cage by senior Liz Berry.

The Redhawks responded in the 21st minute when forward Alyssa Nye tipped in a centering pass to bring the score to 2-1. Miami scored again less than five

minutes later on a penalty corner. Danielle Pemecone shot and scored after Elizabeth Gilroy passed the ball into the circle.

Vermont was able to take back the lead just before the end of the first half when Collins scored on an unassisted breakaway giving the Cats a 3-2 lead heading into halftime.

Miami picked up the intensity in the second half and tied that score at three on a goal that was scooped past Vermont senior goalkeeper Erin Hickey when she

came out of the cage.

The Cats retook the lead in the 56th minute off a penalty corner by sophomore Kim Striegler who collected a pass into the center by senior Nikki Desch and junior Kate Lipton.

"We really tried to maintain possession this game," Striegler said. "We've been focusing on our corners and I've gotten a few perfectly set up ones that [were] very successful today."

Miami's Jessica reading scored in the closing minutes of

the contest to send the game into overtime tied a 4-4.

In seven versus seven overtime play Miami came out very strong getting three shots on goal within the first seven minutes.

Gilroy received a breakaway pass and was able to beat the Vermont defenseman but Hickey saved the game by coming out of the cage and sliding down to completely block off all shot possibilities.

Miami got two more shots off but both times Hickey came out to make the save.

"I've been playing too far back in the cage and when I saw my defense get beat, I took the opportunity to be more aggressive and charge up on the ball," Hickey said. "The opportunity to be aggressive and rush the ball came; I went for it, knowing that someone would come behind me and clear it if I missed."

The winning goal for Vermont came in the 12th minute of the overtime period courtesy of Striegler, her third goal of the season. The score propelled the Cats to 2-3 on their season while dropping Miami to 2-4 on the season.

"We need to keep up the aggression," Hickey said. "When one person does it, the whole team benefits and we improve together."



## Lies lead to suspension

**Sophomore Ian Collins is suspended after a false drug accusation allowed UVM police to enter his room**

### STAFF REPORT

Freshman Michael Chin accused sophomore Ian Collins of drugging him with laced marijuana from a bong on Aug. 27, resulting in Collins' immediate suspension. At a hearing before the Center for Student Ethics and Standards (CSES) on Monday Sept. 11, Chin confessed that Collins did not provide the drugs.

Collins' room was searched after Chin smoked marijuana from a bong and became uncomfortably high, going down to the first floor of the Jeanne Mance dorms and reporting to the RD that the pot was laced.

Chin was ambulated to the hospital and Collins was suspended.

"Michael Chin rescinded everything at the hearing," Collins said. "He went back on his word and spoke on my behalf." Collins was suspended for one semester for smoking marijuana and violating the terms of his probation.

Mike Doherty, a freshman from Connecticut living on the third floor of Jeanne Mance, provided the marijuana and the bong, Chin said. Chin and Doherty were smoking when Collins came into the room. Collins accepted a hit when Chin offered him the bong.

Chin told the Jeanne Mance



**Ian Collins**  
(C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic)

residential staff that Collins had smoked laced marijuana with him in their room.

"Chin didn't mention Doherty at all," the Jeanne Mance RA on duty that night, Chase Collins, said.

UVM police officer Brandon Michael King keyed into the room despite Collins' attempts to keep him out. In the room, King seized two bongs, 27 grams of marijuana stems, one marijuana grinder, and a box that contained paraphernalia.

**"He went back on his word and spoke on my behalf"**

"Ian was a nice guy. Just, he was f---ed up. It was just bad luck," Chin said.

Collins was suspended for possession of the paraphernalia and marijuana. He filed a lawsuit against UVM, claiming that his rights were violated from an unwarranted search.

After an out of court settlement was struck, UVM dropped the possession charges against

Collins when he agreed to drop the lawsuit. Collins was still charged with smoking marijuana, which was enough to suspend him due to his past record.

"I got caught smoking last year," Collins said. The ventilation in the room was bad and the smell of the marijuana caught the attention of the dorm staff that entered the room and wrote the students up, Collins said.

Ian Collins is the first UVM student to be charged with evidence obtained under the 'Search for Cause' policy that allows UVM staff to enter a room without a student's permission or a warrant, if a student's health or safety is in question.

"It's a sight inspection," student and academic services manager, Kim Alicia Martin-Anderson, said. "If something is in plain view then the room can be seized and a warrant can be issued and everything is fair game."

Michael Chin, a member of the ROTC, will not face punishment from the ROTC because he is not yet contracted by them, Chin said.

Worried that he will lose money that has already been spent on this semester's tuition, Collins is considering an appeal of the case. "If I lose all my money for tuition and financial aid then I will appeal. If I don't, then I will cut my losses."

Collins left Burlington and returned home to get a job and work off the \$5,000 lawyer fees that accumulated from the work done by lawyer Davis Sleight, Collins said.

Collins said he hopes to return to UVM next semester, but is unsure if he will be readmitted.



**Andrew Barr of The Slip cranks on his set Story & interview with the band - page 5**

(Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

## UVM eyewitnesses claim police violence

**University of Vermont students accuse UVM police services of brutal behavior and harassment**

By LAURA PEDRO  
News Co-Editor

The UVM department of police services is undergoing an assessment of their program in order to get reaccreditation for law enforcement. At the public hearing on Monday, Sept. 11, UVM students expressed disappointment with UVM police.

Todd Sheppard, of the South Burlington Police Department, said he has always "seen a level of professionalism in the UVM Police Department." Students did not agree.

"Professionalism is far from the term I'd use to describe the police officers on campus," UVM sophomore Brian Whalen said. "The current police relationship with students is the worst since I've been here."

According to Whalen two police officers approached and questioned a UVM student walk-

ing on Pearl Street, "who from my perspective seemed drunk," Whalen said.

As the student started to walk away, one officer grabbed him and the student yelled, "I have rights too," Whalen said.

Matt Aizenstadt, a sophomore English major also witnessed the incident. "The kid took off running with the police chasing after him," Aizenstadt said.

Minutes later, the student jumped over some bushes and the UVM police officers followed him, Whalen said. After the student tripped and fell to the ground, "a cop tackled him and was grinding his knee into the kid's head, even after he had been cuffed," Aizenstadt said.

"The kid yelled, 'you already have me arrested stop using so much force,'" Whalen said.

The cop replied, "If you make another move I'm going to taser you, you motherf---er," Whalen said to the commission.

After the arrest was made, the officer started, "screaming and high-fiving in the middle of the street, celebrating that they had

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## SGA conflicts with Jewish New Year

By HALLEY HARPER SNELLING

Controversy mounted after SGA President Seth Bowden and Vice President Ajay Schmidt's scheduled the annual SGA fall retreat during the weekend of the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah.

Five out of 40 SGA senators had plans to celebrate this holiday. Some were angered about the retreat decision and believed that all religious dates should have been considered when planning Senate activities.

"I was surprised and disappointed that the SGA chose to have a retreat on the most important holiday of the Jewish faith. It's a family day and there is no way the retreat would have been scheduled over Easter weekend," Senator Sam Maron said.

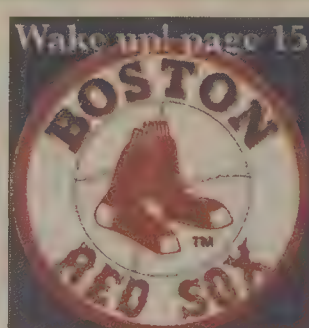
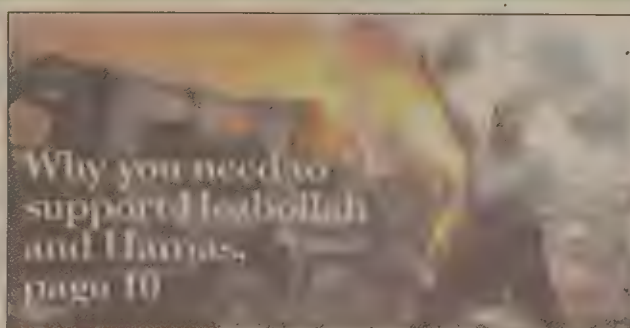
The Jewish population at UVM has a large presence on campus, totaling over 1,000 students.

At the Sept 12. Senate meeting president Seth Bowden made a formal apology for the scheduling of the retreat and announced that the retreat will now be held on the weekend of Oct 30.

"The calendar we used for scheduling does not have anything that isn't a UVM holiday on it. Rosh Hashanah wasn't on the calendar and we set the dates for the retreat back in May. I guess we should have checked another calendar," Bowden said.

The UVM calendar only contains dates for administrative holidays: days when the

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# Davis Center struggles with eco-friendliness

## The date is set for the Davis Center, now UVM focuses on eco-friendly construction

By JOSIE HINGSTON

The \$50 million Dudley H. Davis Center is on schedule for a soft opening in early summer when the UVM Bookstore moves into a two-floor space, University manager for the Davis project, Ray Lavigne said.

UVM is making an effort to make the Davis Center a Green Building and receive Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

According to LEED regulations, a minimum of 10 percent of materials used must be extracted, harvested, or manufactured within 500 miles.

For a project this size, the "increased cost [of local products] is negligible," said senior project manager Jeff Carlson.

In the Berry Construction trailer, a map of areas around Vermont eligible for LEED certification is studded with color-coded plastic tacks for every local source.

The sources being used for the Davis Center include 300,000 bricks from Hygate, base stone

from Quebec, maple beams from Shelburne, granite benches from Barre and slate from Fairhaven, Lavigne said.

From a construction standpoint, the most difficult thing to keep in line is disposal of construction waste, a situation Carlson has been working on with the Vermont Department of Natural Resources and CSWD. In construction, "people aren't used to segregating waste and recycling," Carlson said.

Construction and demolition (C and D) waste is one of the fastest growing components of the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) waste stream. Between 1994 and 2005, C and D waste increased by 168.4 percent, while municipal solid waste increased by only 29.9 percent.

Enforcement of recycling requirements is often the work of senior project engineer and LEED-certified associate Melissa Graham.

Graham said it is hard to negotiate a system of new documentation and regulations that are unfamiliar to contractors and that have been complicated by incomplete or unclear requirements in the LEED program outlines.

Despite the challenges, 94 percent of Carrigan Hall was suc-

cessfully recycled, Graham said.

A part of the Davis Center that raises a few student eyebrows is the first floor pub and bistro. "The pub idea seems completely out of line in light of recent dry campus policy," Alexander Mervak, UVM sophomore, said.

Grumbles were also heard regarding the loss of the Bailey-Howe green and the Main Street skyline. This effect will be curbed somewhat when the UVM Bookstore is relocated, said Lavigne. The old bookstore is scheduled for demolition, to be replaced with a new green area.

The first floor has been named 'the Crossroads' and will have six vendor spaces, including a convenience store, CATCARD office, and print and mail center. The second floor, or 'the Scene,' will have 20,000 square feet of dining space and the third floor will be used primarily by student organizations.

The fourth floor has two large ballrooms. The building also will have a four story atrium. Performance spaces will be fully wired for sound and lighting, and the outdoor amphitheatre will pack enough juice for a full rock concert, said Lavigne, although he noted that the space would be limited.



(Austin Danforth / Vermont Cynic)

## SGA retreat

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University administrative offices are closed for business. Except for Christmas, cultural holidays do not appear on the calendar.

"Everybody at the University needs to be sensitive to religious and cultural issues. The University is closed during Christmas because it is a traditional day off, but maybe the name should be changed to a University holiday," vice president of student and campus life Tom Gustafson, said.

***"You'd think with such a large Jewish population, UVM would try to make concessions around the holidays"***

For faculty, the University allows three excused days off for cultural holidays, one of which is paid.

Some students felt that they have not received enough consideration during the times of their cultural holidays.

"I had a mid-term scheduled during Yom Kippur. I was fasting and very tired. The only time I was allowed to retake it was a Friday afternoon and I had to study during the Jewish holiday. It was ironic considering it was a class on the Middle East.

"You'd think with such a large Jewish population, UVM would try to make concessions around the holidays," Jewish Hillel club member and second year student Kayla Needleman said.

# Dry campus policy under fire

By COLIN LUCAS

To combat underage drinking — especially binge drinking — UVM implemented a new dry halls policy banning alcohol in the residence halls, even for students of legal drinking age.

The policy, devised last year by a task force organized by acting president John Bramley, came into effect this semester.

"If this campus is seriously dry, then why does the University seek to make a profit off of selling beer mugs, shot glasses, and beer cozies at the bookstore?" UVM freshman Ben Guttridge said. "What's next, bongos with UVM logos?"

Search for Cause, one stipulation of the policy that has met opposition by many students, "is a policy instituted to assist residential life when there are safety concerns," Miller said. "There are situations when [student] privacy gets superceded by health and safety concerns."

Many students are skeptical of the policy. "It is not going to get anyone to stop drinking, it's just going to get more kids in trouble," Andrew Menke, a senior living off campus, said.

Many students refer to the policy as 'dry campus' when, in fact, it is actually a dry residence halls policy.

"It's just the halls that are dry," said Vivian de Jesus Garay, assistant dean for retention and assessment.

According to Garay, UVM still serves alcohol at University sponsored events and is planning to put a pub in the Davis Student Center. This, however, has led some students to believe that the



(Simone LaBonte / Vermont Cynic)

University is being hypocritical.

"Last year's spike in drug and alcohol violations made the University want to send a more consistent message. In the past, by making specific substance free halls and theme areas, it sent mixed messages that the other dorms were not substance free," Garay said.

"The University was sending an ambivalent message about alcohol," Bramley said.

"The new policy only affects 400 people who are legally able to drink out of 4,800 students living in the residence halls," John M. Hughes, UVM provost, said.

"The policy really has no effect on underage drinkers. Who this policy is affecting is the 21-

year-olds living on campus," Miller said. "We are not the Gestapo."

Hughes, the former associate provost for research and dean of the graduate school at Miami University of Ohio, said that universities across the country are developing new strategies to combat binge drinking among students of all ages.

Miami University, for example, has implemented a similar alcohol policy and is considering making more Friday classes to counter the effects of 'thirsty Thursday.'

During the first week of classes, many UVM students complained of an increased police presence in the halls and

around campus. However, UVM police disagree.

"The policy is no different than it has ever been. We are not doing any more or less than we've done in the past," police Chief Gary Margolis said.

"There are only three to four policemen on duty during the week, and five to six during the weekends," Margolis said.

"The University is not interested in moralizing about alcohol use. If we believed alcohol was bad, we would not be making a pub in the student center," Vivian Garay said.

"We want people to succeed here academically, but we have seen that alcohol and drug use have gotten in the way of that."





By CHRISTINA TODD

There are many things that defy explanation in fashion. One of the most baffling trends are pre-ripped jeans.

It's hard enough being a student and keeping clothes neat and untattered, so why would people intentionally destroy their clothing?

Don't get me wrong, jeans don't look bad on people who choose to wear them. It's difficult to understand why someone would pay an exorbitant amount of money for already-damaged goods.

I don't buy used underwear or a shirt with food stains on them, so I don't understand the principle behind this trend.

"I mean you could pay upwards of hundreds of dollars and be running around in a raggedy loin cloth," said UVM student Rachel Oberst.

"If you pay me money I will take your jeans and wear them until they are ripped,

whether you are a boy or a girl," said UVM student Christopher Bloomfield.

"I like them," said Jen Rispoli, a UVM student and supporter of the ripped jeans. No one should feel compelled to follow the opinion of others.

However, the idea of

*It's difficult to understand why someone would pay an exorbitant amount of money for already-damaged goods*

ripped jeans is the illusion of use. You buy clothing that has never been worn, but appears to have been. What would be next clothes with fake sweat on them? It seems hard what the look of the ripped jeans to is supposed to convey.

It seems like it means that you are too lazy to be active in your clothing so you pretend that you actually do in order to be hip.

I thought the idea of fitting in involved more than pretending to do something, but actually being an active human being. I guess being cool means having the energy of a tree sloth with the high income to hide it.

(Photo: Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)



Comic by Aaron Lopez-Barrantes

## The GREEK rush

By CLAUDIA GONZALES

It's fall at UVM. Students are making choices about what classes, friends, and organizations they participate in.

One of those choices is to join a Greek society. Some students have planned on joining a particular society because they are a legacy or a student might just like the movie Animal House, just like the choices for students the reasons for those decisions are myriad and divergent.

References to Greek life can be spotted throughout the UVM campus. First-year students are exposed to it from the day they move in, since fraternity members assist them on move-in day. Greek life at UVM consists of 8% of the student population.

"Sororities can't even have parties," said Alexandra Cronin, a student at UVM. Cronin never considered joining a sorority. "Maybe if it was a small school and that was the way to make friends, but its not my thing."

"There are girls in the house that knew they wanted to be in one from the start, and others thought they would never be in one," said Erin McElaney, a UVM junior and sister at Alpha Chi Omega.

"Most only think of the social aspects. It is also a way to get involved and give back to the community. Our house's philanthropy is to raise money for battered women and also cystic fibrosis.

I know many people say that joining a sorority means buying your friends, but these girls have

become my home away from home."

"It seems backwards. You sign on to be friends with kids before you even really get to know them. It seems like it should be the opposite," said Christopher Bloomfield, a student at UVM.

Michael Wooten, a UVM student, did consider joining a fraternity. Wooten not only considered the social aspects of joining the fraternity, but moving off campus early and getting involved

"I wanted to do something with my life," said Wooten. "I was motivated by the community service, the scholarships, and also the anticipated connections."

"Looking back on it, I am glad I didn't join. My lifestyle would not have worked with it. It would be a different life. I love my friends and probably would not be as close to them"

Pete Hendee, a student at UVM and brother at Alpha Gamma Rho, never pictured himself in a fraternity. Now, he would not change the decision to join.

"Coming into my third year here, I realize that its about the future. I joined something that can be very good and if you are in it for the right cause than you realize its more than just your four years at school," he said.

As with all things, it is important to consider all of the angles and make an uninfluenced decision.

There are many things to check out on campus, Greek life being one of them. It is the start of a new semester, and a start of a whole new set of choices.



## Mixology

### Hot Chocolate Kiss



- 3/4 oz Coffee Liqueur
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Drink responsibly UVM: binge drinking is 4-5 drinks

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# The Slip smashes notions of genre at OC Fest

## Group talks of their upcoming album, band philosophy and "Guitar Hero"

By IKE MESSMORE

When asked to classify his music into one genre, bass player Marc Friedman of The Slip replied "It's audible... you can hear it." As nonchalant as this answer may seem, it might be the closest anyone can come to putting a label on the Boston natives' musical style.

Vocalist and front man Brad Barr, percussionist (and brother) Andrew Barr, and bassist Marc Friedman have been playing together since high school. The three attended Berklee School of



Brad Barr howls at OC Fest. (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

Music, but left after a short stint to pursue their professional careers.

The Slip has been defying classification since they're first album, "From the Gecko," debuted in 1997. What many would call a contemporary Jazz album, "Gecko" is rife with heavy bass lines, improvisational solos, and instrumental numbers. From there, the band has experimented with a plethora of styles, including an acoustic, back-porch style album in "Aliveacoustic," and a diametrically opposed sister album of experimental and largely instrumental rock,

"Aliveelectric."

The simultaneous release of these two albums left many fans wondering where The Slip would go next. Brad Barr feels that the release of these two albums defines, rather than contradicts, the sound his band is working towards. "This is a band that loves to stretch out, and be this sort of electric psychedelic rock band, but also is just as happy with acoustic instruments playing on a back porch," he says. "And maybe the two are not so far apart from each other. The two are very capable of inspiring each other."

**"If you take acid while you're doing a solo it keeps a lot of people in a lot of boxes"**

At Friday's performance at the Outing Club Fest on CBW green, the band captivated fans with a mind-boggling mix of folk-sounding love ballads and twisted experimental rock. A twangy, folksy song was interrupted by Brad running the microphone up and down the strings of his 1954 Gibson while his brother Andrew used a variety of household objects and homemade percussion instruments to produce truly unique sounds.

Yet there is nothing arbitrary about the experimentation. The digital noises are well rehearsed, perfectly timed, and result in a symphony of dissonance that makes a Slip show unlike any other.

It has been five years since The Slip's last record release. Their new album is scheduled to drop "in between the scary masks and the turkeys," according to Andrew. Due to contract agreement, the band was unable to disclose the title, release date, or label. The album will, however,

be released on an independent label, and not the band's own label, two.one.six records.

"Even Rats," the first single from The Slip's new album, has been met with wild success due to its status as a "bonus song" on the popular PlayStation 2 game "Guitar Hero." When asked if the band ever plays their own song in the videogame, Andrew promptly retorted, "Is that a challenge?"

Along with "Even Rats," Friday's set list also included several songs from the new album, which ranged from a beautiful love ballad to a faster song infused with wailing guitar solos and crashing percussion.

The band is as happy with the new album as they've ever been with a finished product. Bassist Marc Friedman felt especially pleased with it, given the methodical nature of their most recent recording process: "We've been making it for like four, five years really; it's kind of different. It's a progression and it's a maturity that we're all pretty psyched about in our own songwriting and production skills. It's very coherent, cohesive."

Whether or not the new album meets the expectations of fans will be determined with time. The fact remains that The

**The band expressed how closely music and life are tied together, especially in the political sphere**

Slip is on a quest, not for "their style," but for a greater knowledge of music.

Andrew traveled to Mali in 1997 to pursue this knowledge. The journey changed his life and had a vast influence on his musical style. "The trip definitely

changed my worldview," Barr says. "I learned what some of the basic elements, necessities of life are, and music is certainly one of them. Over there, next to food and staying healthy, there's music."

These ideas of growth, a quest for knowledge, and staying open to new ideas are the backbone of the band's ideology. When asked about their decision to leave Berklee, and the message that it might send to other aspiring musicians, the band emphasized that music is an individual choice; school is a great place for some people, but it is not the end-all.

"Studying music is a really personal path, and the school that we went to is just a certain amount of lessons and studies," Andrew says. "It's not like we stopped studying after, and its not like we started when we went there. It all depends on what you want to achieve."

To hear a band of thirty-something psychedelic/experimental rockers speak with such clarity and circumspection is truly refreshing. Friedman's views on drugs and music convey a great deal of understanding about the music industry, saying, "Drugs and music? That's like legal paper and Wall Street."

And while the band respects the decisions of artists to use substances either to enhance their own creativity or to maintain an unfortunate habit, they are amazingly frank about the effect of mind-alteration on performance. Brad will be the first to admit that "whiskey is nice for the voice, nice for loosening you up for a performance. For sitting at home creating, it's pot. There's probably not a better creative drug."

"You can achieve everything you want to in life without drugs," Friedman says with his



Andrew Barr beats on his set while sporting a fez. (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

band in agreement. "It's totally possible. A lot of the people who are taking those drugs are inhibiting themselves in a bunch of ways too. There keeping themselves in a fucking box. If you take acid while you're doing a solo... it keeps a lot of people in a lot of boxes."

Having been on the road for so many years, The Slip seems to have a strikingly grounded view of their own music and identity. Their performance at OC Fest was a veritable view into the soul of the band; with ups and downs, extreme pain and glorious triumph, the music conveyed the band members' impressive take on life.

The band expressed how closely music and life are tied together, especially in the political sphere. "People in the world are having a hard time coming up with stuff on their own," says Brad. "But it takes time for that. People should always remain open to new ideas."

# Critical thinking: musical notes

## Talk to La Bomb Brazilian Girls

The Brazilian Girls are forgiven for their deceptive band name.

But what the band lacks in South American females they make up for in their original sound.



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The lady (Sabina Sciubba) and three gentlemen (Didi Gutman, Jesse Murphy and Aaron Johnston) who make up

the Girls prove to create music sexier than any real Brazilian girls could even attempt.

A little more than just noise but a little less than structured, Brazilian Girls incorporates as many different languages in their songs as they do sounds.

Look out, Manu Ciau.

Standout tracks on their new

release, "Talk to la Bomb," include the dark, keyboard-laden opening track, "Jique," on which Sciubba, the lead vocalist, seductively sings lyrics in multiple tongues, transforming even German into a romance language.

Disregarding the title, Sciubba does all the work on "All About Us," on which she demonstrates her talent over a somewhat steady beat.

On the other hand, if you can even find a steady beat under "Never Met a German," dancing is encouraged, while "Rules of the Game" is calmer (which doesn't say much as far as "Talk to la Bomb" is concerned.)

If you find your French 052 is failing you (or you are failing it) and you can't seem to decipher Sciubba's lyrics, do not fret. She is known to incorporate German, Italian, Spanish and English into her songs, sometimes using them all in the same one.

"It's this crazy mix of language," Sciubba explains. "Kind of how my brain functions. It's very me."

—Meredith Rivlin

## Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor

"They call me Lupe, I'll be your new day/They wanna smell



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like me, they want my bouquet."

Wasulu Jaco a.k.a. Lupe Fiasco smells good. A protégé of Jay-Z and friend of Kanye (he appeared on West's release "Touch the Sky"), the Chi-town native's debut solo album from Atlantic/1st & 15th Productions emits a conscious and confident voice in the midst of a mucky mainstream hip-hop scene.

"Lupe Fiasco's Food and Liquor" poises him to be the next spokesman for the Game with lyrics that transcend conventional rap boundaries as he spits verses about skateboarding, coming out of the ghetto, international and race politics and family troubles—not to say Lupe has no street cred, he's got plenty—it's just that he's got a lot to say and only 16 tracks on which to say it.

It helps to have Jigga as an executive producer on the LP, but Fiasco's words are all self-writ-

ten and insightful, making him the kid genius of hip-hop at 24 years of age.

"I Gotcha" is delivered over a Thelonious P beat, co-written by Pharrell Williams and produced by The Neptunes, and makes to be one of the hottest tracks on the album, getting back to rap that actually rhymes in this quick-spitting and fun ode to himself and Chicago. It's quintessential Neptunes but Fiasco makes it his own with lines like, "Welcome all of y'all to my dark recesses/This is where I keep the bars like bathtub edges/My Ivories And My Doves My Levers and my Zests/It takes half of your bubble bath to match the freshness."



Clever album art from "Food and Liquor"

In the more socially conscious "Hurt Me Soul," Fiasco laments over a sweet piano and string beat about all things that irk him like urban and world conditions him: "Brazilian adolescent disarmament/Israeli occupation/Islamic martyrdom...Sandcamouflaged army men/CCF-

sponsorin'/world conquerin'/telephone monitorin'." Complete with catchy hooks, this track has the makings of a buzzed-over single.

Fiasco makes surprising admissions on this song too, confessing he initially hated rap because it degraded women and that he once boycotted Jay-Z (who appears on the very next track) because "he never prayed to God, he prayed to Gotti."

"Food and Liquor's" first single, "Kick, Push" is a never-give-up narrative about a skater's perseverance in the face of snitches and bad spills, evidencing the far-reaching scope of this record.

As said, it helps to have Jay-Z and Kanye West as contributors on "Food and Liquor," but Fiasco is an executive at his own company, 1st & 15th Productions, so while calling him Baby Hova is tempting, he is his own MC.

Lupe Fiasco tells the rap game on this album, "Come in, Hip Hop, we've come to resurrect you." From album art featuring gangsters wielding and dealing books to the incredibly imaginative and thought provoking content, "Food and Liquor" is likely to do just that.

—Dave Sachs



# UVM music grad succeeds at next level

## Alex Toth and company to play with John Brown's Body at Higher Ground

By THOMAS MORSE

Alex Toth is a growing local legend.

Since coming to Burlington four years ago, he has had the opportunity to play his trumpet and share musical philosophies with such acts as Napoleon Brockhardt, Todd Johnson of the band Salem, Ike Willis, and most recently, Ithaca reggae group, John Brown's Body, which is set to hit the Higher Ground stage Wednesday on an east coast tour to support their latest album, "Pressure Points."

In spite of such astonishing musical credentials, Toth's demeanor is really quite unassuming. While talking with him about his different roles in his many projects and listening to him tell me of "ecstatic experiences" inside local clubs, or swapping riffs with Wynton Marsalis, Toth exudes a passion for music that is refreshingly authentic.

Toth, a UVM music department graduate has a lot to say about self-management, touring on the road with JBB and the upcoming JBB show at Higher Ground.

With an average of four gigs per week—sometimes with as many different bands—Toth's passion for his

music seems to stem from spontaneity and experimentation in an effort to continually improve. "My appreciation of all the music I play is very much heightened when I play different genres," says Toth.

And he plays many different genres: From the local funk band Soulvation Army to the Caribbean jams of Seven Days' Jazz Album of the Year winners Guagua, the progressive rock act Swale, and most recently with John Brown's Body, he keeps his style refined.

But The Lazybirds, Toth's jazz group, is his true infatuation. It's with the Lazybirds that all his styles coalesce into one pure musical expression. "With the Lazybirds, Kal (Annakalmia Traver, his sax and flute player, occasional singer, and girlfriend) and I have the most freedom to do whatever we want and we do whatever we want," Toth says.

The Lazybirds are composed of five, sometimes six members. Toth and Kal (who will be playing trumpet and saxophone, respectively, on Wednesday for JBB) along with Peter "The Doctor" Krag on keys, front one of the tightest acts in town.

With Russel Flynn on bass and Danny "Danimal" Ryan a.k.a. "the John Bonham of jazz" on the kit, the rhythm section is the real source of this tightness, giving the melodic instruments more liberty to experiment. Gef Kim is the incredibly tal-

ented guitar player for this band, and his jazz style, perhaps most suitable in his primary band, Guagua, is impeccably Caribbean.

Toth's style is a bit more eclectic. Eclectic is one word, but it doesn't begin to describe his proficiency in each different genre he plays, and more essentially, his understanding of musical composition and the dynamics he uses when he plays.

One of his songs, "Loud and Proud," is a testament to the beauty of minimalism. It starts off with a hip-hop drum and bass beat. When Toth comes in on the trumpet, he gives the entire song a complete funk feel by accentuating the off-beat, eventually riding a crescendo into a brash, muddy trumpet solo reminiscent of Louis Armstrong—a sound he also employs on the Charles Mingus track "Goodbye Porkpie Hat."

But a man with Toth's sound control need not rely on a brash, fuzzy tone to excel on his instrument though it is a talent he boasts on tracks like "Am/Trak," an Amiri Baraka poem on John Coltrane set to a detached, sometimes disturbing sporadic display of jazz skill and band dynamics.

Toth's varied musical styles reflect various influences. From Lee Morgan, Miles Davis and Freddie Hubbard, he learned that jazz embodies the essence of musical creativity. "Freddie Hubbard got me into the practice room, he's just a monster on jazz trumpet," says Toth.



Alex Toth and The Lazybirds (Gary Toth)

Compositionally speaking though, Toth cites the creativity of Grammy-winning saxophone player Wayne Shorter as having a major impact on his writing. He also credits Alex Stewart, the head of the UVM jazz department from which Toth graduated in spring, as a major source of inspiration. He considers his relationship with Stewart invaluable to his musical success.

This success has not come easily, however, and he faults UVM's jazz program with not having dealt well enough of the business and management aspects for music performance majors—a role that he has had to take on himself. "I could burn out real quickly with non-musical stuff," Toth says.

At least for now Toth is in no

danger of burning out from the business aspect of music. His time with John Brown's Body has left him in awe of their professionalism and stage presence. "This is the first time I've been with a band where the bass has literally shaken my skin," he says.

To be sure, JBB puts on a good show, and front men Elliott Martin and Kevin Consello know how to keep the crowd excited with their innovative songwriting and unique reggae approach.

Needless to say the UVM graduate will be having a blast Wednesday with JBB at Higher Ground...and for the remaining ten dates on the east coast tour...and when they tour the west coast.

Burning out? Maybe. But Toth is definitely not fading away.

## More musical notes

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### Magic Potion The Black Keys

Ultra simplistic and uninventive, "Magic Potion" is dependable if nothing else.

The fourth album released by The Black Keys, the two-man band from Akron, Ohio, is more like a continuation of their previous release, "Rubber Factory" than a pioneering opus.

Still, their heavy blues-rock elicits a sound of Goliath proportions despite The Keys' minimalist David approach.

Singer and guitarist Dan Auerbach's distorted delivery is soulful but won't escape comparisons to Zeppelin, Hooker or Hendrix. It's when his ghostly wails are sung over his heavy grinding guitar riffs and Patrick Carney's pinching percussion that the Keys' sound really takes form.

"You're the one," the third track on "Magic Potion" yields a rare divergence for The Keys as the tempo slows down and Auerbach gets sweet both in melody and in lyrics: "Now I'm old and wise/when I see your eyes/you're the one/I know." "You're The One" marks an infrequent occurrence for the duo in which Auerbach's weighty guitar is supportive of the lyrics rather than overpowering.

"Modern Times" is an intense and wonderfully invasive song, but nothing faithful Keys fans cannot handle.

Likewise, "Just a Little Heat" begins just a little harsh but then levels out with a seesaw of light-to-rough riffs and percussion.

It's not that "Magic Potion" is a lousy album—the Black Keys do not experiment enough to risk "lousy" being in their vocabulary—it's just that a first time listener of the band could grab this cd and



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basically know the extent of the band's past repertoire as well as its future potential.

Perhaps the blues-rock genre to which the Keys subscribe has no room for wiggle, but the Ohio duo defined themselves when their first release in 2002, and if innovation is on their schedule, "Magic Potion" is more like a non-alcoholic beer—same old taste but no spirit—than remedy for repetitiveness.

—Dave Sachs

### "Awoo" The Hidden Cameras

As a follow up to 2004's "Mississauga Goddamn", The Hidden Cameras' latest album, "Awoo," is released today by Arts & Crafts Records. On "Awoo," The Hidden Cameras continue to weave politics, sexuality, and hymns together to create quirky pop music that has often been described as "gay church folk music" by Joel Gibbs, the front man and only constant member of the band.

The Hidden Cameras ARE known for their over the top live performances and infectious energy. "Awoo" is album that combines those techniques to drive the listener to sing and dance along with its orchestrated pop songs and folk-influenced vocals.

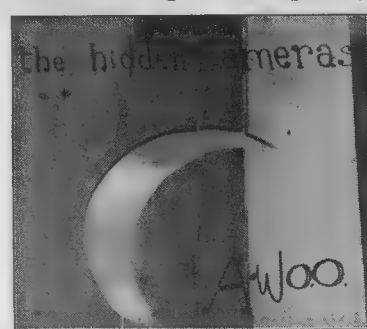
The album begins strong with "Death of a Tune" which, despite the deceptive name, is a lively song

that borders between pop and folk with its orchestration, intense guitars and country style vocals.

The energy from the opening track continues on through the Camera's sophomore album with "She's Gone," and "Lollipop"—popper songs that could inspire head bopping and sing-alongs.

"Awoo" slows down when it reaches "Fee Fie," a gentle and pleasant melody backed by a variety of string instruments, but from there, Gibbs heads back to his folk influences on "Follow These Eyes," "Heaven Turns To" and "Wandering."

The change of pace allows The Hidden Cameras to express their musical range with more compositionally darker songs. While it is a noble attempt, it is at this point that the album drags a bit, especially



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when compared with the energy in the beginning of the album.

After this slight departure the pace of "Awoo" picks back up during the delightful "For Fun" and continues on to the hand-clapping friendly and appropriately titled end track, "The Waning Moon."

"Awoo" is the best release from The Hidden Cameras thus far. The band has created an album that is more mature and structured, while using a quirky and feel-good approach that will delight and gratify.

—Erin Sullivan

## 'The force' to hit Higher Ground

### Jedi Mind Tricks and a controversial portfolio are on their way

By LILY BOTTINO

Who could imagine any new Jedi Mind Tricks album more powerful than the hauntingly beautiful violin riffs that allured listeners' attention the first time they experienced "Animal Rap" off "Visions of Gandhi?"

This Philadelphia hip-hop duo, consisting of Vinnie Paz and Stupe Enemy of Man Kind continues to mesmerize crowds with songs like this, as it refers to everything from Chicago's vicious mobster Sam Giancana to the lies of Catholicism, fabricated together by Mike Tyson's familiar, dynamic voice echoing in between verses: "People always talkin' bout I'm being loud and ruckus...But this is just the way I express myself. So, you ready to fight?"

The beats complimenting Paz's words belong to the producer of the ten year-old group, Stoupe. The two artists formed Jedi Mind Tricks in 1996 and never looked back, launching their career with the "Amber Probe" EP, an album that reflects the infancy of the newly formed

group.

Over the years, the duo refined their music into something completely unique in the underground hip-hop world. 1997's release of "Psycho-Social, Chemical-Biological & Electro-Magnetic Manipulation of Human Consciousness" screamed for attention, which it secured, giving Jedi Mind Tricks a solid name in the industry.

Though some are taken aback by Paz's somewhat crude and violent messages, his lyrics are phenomenally poetic and work well with Stoupe's classical and almost medieval beats, as he has been known to incorporate more than fifty samples onto one track.

"Yeah, Jedi Mind's music is pretty raunchy," says Stephen Putnam, a student at UVM, "but at least it isn't all money, drugs, and hot cars. It means something."

JMT approaches what has become an industry hungry for shallow, bland hits with the refusal to conform, deriding the American Government and bashing Christianity, along with other institutions many musicians today censor themselves in fear of losing popularity.

JMT is coming to Higher Ground on Sept. 22.



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# Bisco has shoes and gym to fill

**Following the Flaming Lips, The Disco Biscuits are next up at Patrick Gym**

By THOMAS PAYEUR

Hallucinogenic tunes and lyrics as sporadic as an ADD-riddled child—sound familiar?

The Patrick Gym seems to be the venue for a one-sided selection of concerts so far this year with The Disco Biscuits trailing on the heels of fellow genre-shattering rockers The Flaming Lips, but don't write The Biscuits off just because of this likeliness.

Yes, it will be hard to top a quirky Lips live performance, but the Biscuits should venture forth with unerring energy.

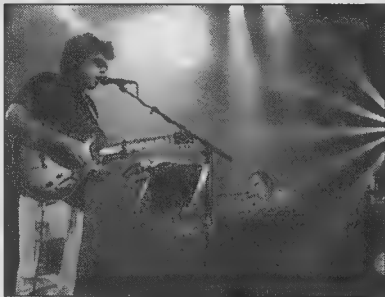
**In Burlington, The Biscuits have an itch to scratch**

The Biscuits have been entrancing audiences since they first came together in 1993 at the University of Pennsylvania. With the mix of electronic beats into a traditional jam band concert format, Bisco formed a genre similar to, but at the same time strikingly different than that of jam band greats Phish and the Grateful Dead.

Trance-fusion, as this genre is known, takes the listener on a spell-binding ride through sounds and settings unlike any earthly experience.

Filled with unexpected twists such as songs played backwards or melded into one another, Biscuits' shows are somewhat formless. Some songs may even be made up on the spot, as all Biscuit melodies are written during concerts and then recorded in the studio, making the thrill not in wondering what will be played next, but how it will be played.

A Disco Biscuits concert is not simply seen, because seeing implies the use of only one sense. A Biscuits



(massconcerts.com)

concert takes all senses on a ride through heaven, hell, and limbo. Known to last for three hours or more, the trip flows on for what seems like eternity.

Guitarist Jon Gutwillig, bassist Marc Brownstein, drummer Allen Aucoin and keyboardist Aron Magner use their jam stamina and endurance to weave a blanket of ethereal qualities.

But in Burlington, the Biscuits have an itch to scratch. Last year, in a February issue of The Cynic, reporter Julian Brizzi claimed that the majority of jam band fans were, "dirty, over privileged, and awfully drugged," and that the jam band sound was like "music for children's programming on PBS."

A band with years of experience like The Biscuits builds up a general fan base over time. Bisco has played in Burlington before, but there is no harm in reaching out to a new populace, as B-town gets hundreds of new residents each year.

Their sound can at times be redundant, such as during the 15 minute long, "Hot Air Balloon," in which the overly-repetitive guitar riffs could make anyone go crazy with boredom.

Still, the Disco Biscuits' sound makes for a good show—even if it has to follow the theatrics of The Lips—and could easily attract a good portion of the community instead of just those select jam-band scenesters. Tickets can be bought at the Patrick Gym or on the SA Concert's website (<http://www.uvm.edu/~sacon/>).

# Off The Record with Nate Flannery

**Busta and the Big Bang: the name speaks for itself**

"Too much of us is dangerous" is the hyper-energetically belted hook to Busta Rhymes 1997 hit "Dangerous." The mascot of hip-hop's jiggy era, and already then a veteran artist, Busta was the only rapper of the time who was versatile enough to work with both Puff Daddy's glamour and glitz artists and their antithesis, like underground sensation Mos Def.

Well-respected within the industry, Busta is probably the most sought after artist for a rock-solid verse or hook on other rappers' albums. Although he garnered much acclaim early in his career, especially with a guest appearance on A Tribe Called Quest's 1991 classic "Low End Theory," the question before the much-anticipated release of his latest project, "The Big Bang," was whether the veteran artist could muster a listener's attention for the duration of a full-length album.

Busta went straight to the top, signing a deal with Interscope records and bringing on Dr. Dre as co-executive producer.

Especially after the fallout between rap legend Rakim and Dr. Dre, the formula for this type of project is well known. The basic plan is to provide some great beats and have the rapper rhyme about the struggle of yesterday instead of the success of today.

But, inking a deal with a major label and a producer like Dr. Dre can be a double-edged sword. On the one hand it opens doors and provides access to the best beat producers and guest artists, but on the other hand it brings tremendous pressure for commercial success which has the poten-

tial to stifle creativity.

The album starts off on the wrong foot with a cookie-cutter song about "hustling, robbin'" getting "money, clothes, cars, sexy broads," but then transitions into the club banger "Touch It" which features an addictive bass-heavy beat which alternates between slow, low energy hooks, and manic, high-energy verses. This is the type of song that will cause you to involuntarily start bopping to the beat.

"How We Do It" featuring Missy Elliot is a relentlessly sultry and sensual song destined for heavy rotation in the clubs. "New York Shit" makes use of a classic beat from D.I.T.C. crew member Diamond D, to create a feel-good song about hometown love which has proven to be the New York



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City anthem of the summer.

"Been Through the Storm" is an utterly exceptional rap song which features a soulful hook from Stevie Wonder, whose line "See? My Poppa was po', and my mamma was young..." introduces Busta's life story as the son of Jamaican immigrant parents who was raised by Brooklyn's streets. Over a melodic piano beat Busta raps "Mom and Pop be worrying for their son. Despite their struggle and their honest living, look and see just what I've become: a



scavenger... somebody trying to clap me up."

Not stopping the funk for a single track, The Big Bang then delivers "In the Ghetto," an infectious and up-beat song which features a delightful horn ensemble and a guest appearance by the late Rick James. Busta delivers bouncing, mesmerizing, rapid-fire lyrics in which he nostalgically tells the stories of his youth.

Two songs later is the cinematic "Goldmine," which is a Scarface-esque tale of the American Dream—the cocaine version, that is. The song features rap-heavyweight Wu-Tang Clan member Raekwon and Busta rapping about cooking coke, ducking the D's, and pitching packs, over a chilling and melancholy beat.

"Legend of the Fall Offs" is a truly disturbing song that features verses about literally and figuratively burying rappers alive and a beat that is entirely composed by horror movie sound effects such as a shovel digging in gravel and crickets chirping. The percussion for the bass-line is provided by a thumping heart-beat which, needless to say, fades by the end of the song.

Business-wise, the number of references to cocaine and street-life are to be expected, but "Big Bang's" potential for commercial success has left its creativity unfettered.

The album demonstrates Busta's versatility as an artist, as track to track he delivers hard-hitting hard-core hip-hop, lurid love lyrics, bouncing bass-heavy bangers, soulful songs about struggle, sin, and strife, as well as the rambunctious rap-music for which he has always been known. Too much of Busta Rhymes might really be dangerous, but on a full length album, it's still a pleasurable listen.

# Midwesterners bring conscious rap to Burlington

**Atmosphere re-emerges on the hip-hop scene**

By SARAH POSILLICO

Minneapolis-based hip-hop group Atmosphere has been spitting rhymes about drugs, life, love, and politics since 1994. They have a broad fan base, composed of listeners from all different genres, and have helped shatter common stereotypes surrounding hip-hop and rap.

It's been a long hard road for the members of this group with Slug, Atmosphere's front man, growing up with the hardships that surround the children of interracial marriages. Living on low income also figured greatly into the members' lives, leading to its large presence in their songs. As Slug raps, he "never expected a bowl of cherries."

For a place that is not exactly known for its hip-hop, Minnesota has influenced a group that has left an indelible mark on hip-hop's history. Still, the graffiti, breakdancing, and music of the early underground

hip-hop scene had a huge impact on Slug and his lyrics.

The first hip-hop group to sign to the indie and punk rock



Slug of Atmosphere(liveconcertwire.com)

label Epitaph, Atmosphere led the way in the label's signing of many hip-hop artists such as Blackalicious and Solillaquists of Sound.

**As a hip-hop group, Atmosphere's educated lyrics draw fans from all musical genres**

Atmosphere's distinctive sound emanates from the intelligent and complex lyrics that are deeply personal. In such a place as Burlington, where being

socially conscious is almost expected, these positive lyrics are sure to resonate among students and residents alike.

The group's lyrics, mixed and layered over constant rhythms that elicit head-bobs and dancing, elevate Atmosphere above contemporary rap. The catchy bass lines meld with synthesizers and even piano melodies, in a somewhat sparse, but honest musical background.

As a hip-hop group, Atmosphere's educated lyrics draw fans from all musical genres. However, as their last album was released a year ago, they have somewhat returned to their original underground popularity. But did they ever really disappear? Atmosphere strives to "remove the blood clot from the brain of hip-hop," and "be the biggest thing to hit these...kids." So how will they fare in a town that seems to be dominated by jam bands and local acts?

On Sept. 25, Atmosphere's honest lyrics and unassuming beats will headline at Higher Ground, along with Brother Ali, Psalm One, Mac Lethal, and DJ Rare Groove.

# Citizen Cope can't cut it

**Singer falls short with subpar performance**

STAFF REPORT

Citizen Cope began his 40-city tour this past Wednesday at Higher Ground. After opening the act, Alice Smith's set, Cope took the stage at about 10:15 p.m. with bleary, squinting eyes and a stoned swagger.

Cope and his four-piece band began the set with "Hurricane Waters," a slightly upbeat song about a troubled relationship that was a head-bobbing opener to the show. What was worrying was that it seemed like at any moment Cope would fall asleep at his mic.

Cope normally has a look of relaxed indifference on his face, but during the show it was taken to the next level with closed eyes and an emotionless demeanor.

The band must have slept well that night, after carrying Cope's lackluster performance for so long. Cope, losing time and barely strumming out chords on his guitar, needed two keyboards behind him to fill in all the empty space that he was creating.

As he settled into the show, Cope began playing sedate songs that completely contradicted the mood of a crowd that did not want to chill out and who more interested in



Cope at Higher Ground (C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic)

grinding their lower extremities onto the closest warm body and dancing.

When I wasn't being yelled at by tiny women I was yawning or checking my watch, wondering when the show would be over.

Copes distinctive lazy hip-hop/singer songwriter style is effective on his studio albums, but doesn't translate well on stage. A lot of the time Cope stared blankly at god-knows-what while absent-mindedly picking at the strings of his guitar.

His encore featured Cope alone on the stage (which we already established was a bad idea due to his narcoleptic state), missing notes and falling out of time.



# College Gourmet

## Easy Curry

- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast (potatoes are a good sub. if you're a vegetarian)
- 2 lb. onions
- 1 lb. tomatoes
- 1 sq. inch ginger
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 tsp. tumeric
- 2 tsp. coriander
- 2 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. crushed red pepper (more or less to taste)
- Salt to taste
- 4 tsp. cooking oil

Saute finely diced onions, ginger and garlic on high heat, stirring constantly until light brown. Reduce heat to low, add finely diced tomatoes. Stir well, cook for 5-10 minutes. Add and stir in all spices in order above one at a time. Add 1 inch cubes of chicken. Cook 30-45 minutes on low/medium heat, stirring periodically.

## Sudoku

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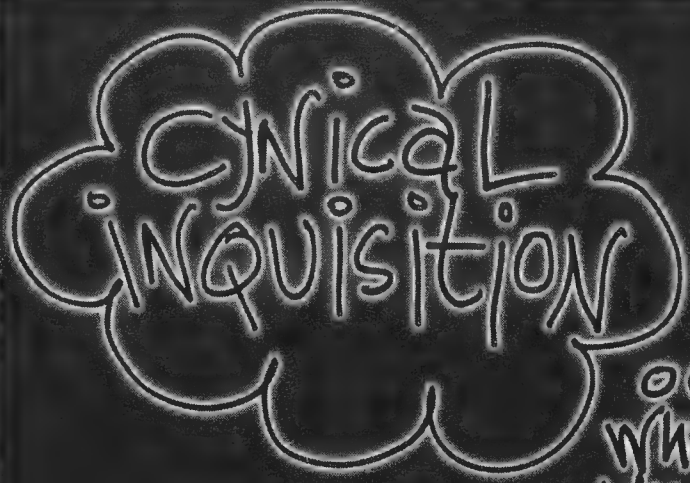
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## The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZIWKIN







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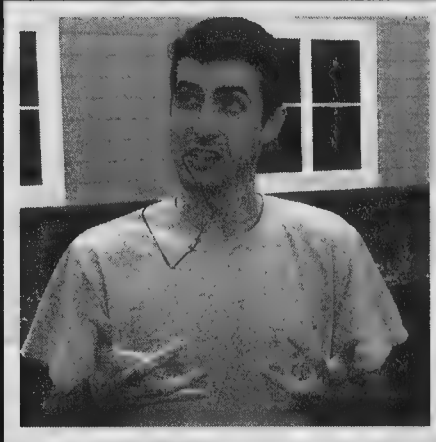
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the pub planned for the  
Davis Center?**



**"Hypocrisy."  
-Nick Diehl '08**



**"It's interesting that  
they're going to put in a  
pub on a dry campus, it  
seems contradictory."  
-Liz Schindler '09**



**"I haven't seen it yet,  
no comment."  
-Zack Burchman '08**



**"I think it's a really  
good idea because it's a  
good way to meet peo-  
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-Kelsey Paquette '08**

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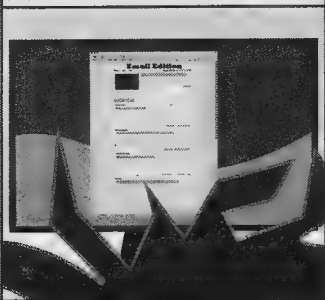
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John Marc Carr, JonBenet's confessed killer, stands in the middle of a media firestorm (cbs.com)

## JonBenet fascination bogart's network news

**Sensational news stories like the JonBenet murder case receive a disproportionate amount of coverage**

By SAM LAVALLEE

Media airwaves have been dominated by a potential end to the JonBenet Ramsey murder mystery. JonBenet, who was sexually molested before being brutally murdered ten years ago, was six years old when her parents found her in the basement of her home, dead.

After years of investigation, no convictions and rumors that JonBenet's parents had murdered her themselves, John Marc Carr while in Thailand last month, publicly confessed to being with JonBenet on the night she was murdered.

I agree that it would be great to lock up a dangerous criminal and to clear the names of JonBenet's parents from being involved.

However, I apparently draw the line of journalistic integrity at a far earlier point than ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN or FoxNews. If you've picked up any newspaper or flicked on CNN's Headline News in the past few weeks, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Whether Wolf Blitzer spends fifteen minutes analyzing Carr's facial expression as he goes through customs in Thailand, or The New York Times reviews his gluttonous alcoholism reflected by his in-flight drink orders on his way back to the United States, I have heard enough!

I don't want to place all the blame on the anchors though. Besides, they take the stories to which they are assigned.

What is it, then, that has driven anchors to cover the completely irrelevant details of Carr's life every day since his confession? In my eyes, it's the

media companies themselves.

While innocent six-year-olds like JonBenet are killed by roadside bombs and miscalculated AK-47 shots in Iraq and Lebanon every day, news stations have interrupted news briefs on the middle-east in favor of the "breaking news story" that John Marc Carr has officially landed in the United States.

I don't see any U.S. journalists rushing to the scene when the U.S. military slaughters innocent Iraqi children. Apparently news companies have also forgotten the ten million American children without healthcare and world hunger that kills hundreds of thousands of children each year.

**"Apparently news companies have also forgotten the ten million American children without healthcare and world hunger that kills hundreds of thousands of children each year"**

But while the media has a responsibility to bring the most important issues in the world to the public, the public, likewise, has a responsibility to turn the TV off or flip the page in the Boston Globe when it sees a story that it finds unimportant.

Newspapers and TV stations only report John Marc Carr's word for word description of the inside of the Ramsey's house because the public won't stop watching. Like a reality TV junky waiting for the next episode of "Survivor," the layman waits for the next egregiously detailed description of Carr's life.

As a result, high ratings on cnn.com or ABC's latest news viewer poll act as signals for the media to keep pumping the public full of this useless

garbage. Meanwhile, events equally tragic to JonBenet Ramsey's murder go on every day, virtually unnoticed.

Until all the concerned soccer moms and employees at the water cooler grow tired of hearing about what Carr ate for his prison meal each day, the media will continue to prioritize the JonBenet murder case over stories that are far more important.

The coverage of the JonBenet murder case is no longer about a little girl who was murdered ten years ago. Instead the media, with the public's help, has warped what was a tragedy into a "day-in-the-life-of John Marc Carr" series, airing seven days a week.

CNN, NBC, ABC, CBS and FoxNews has turned Carr into a public Piñata, where people with nothing better to do can study, judge and bash him to make themselves feel better. Perhaps I'm insensitive, but I can't help but laugh at the direction of this country every time I hear another report on Carr's most recent life events.

Hopefully the public will yawn soon, ratings will go down and the media will remember that we're in a war, that social security is drying up or that our country is in staggering debt.

Well, they'll at least remember until new evidence surfaces in the OJ trial.



(bigmagic.com)

## Radical politics needed



Israeli soldiers detain members of Hamas (Aljazeera.net)

**The leftist anti-war movement in America should align itself with the resistance movements of Hamas and Hezbollah**

By MARY HOWLAND

I can't imagine it would be possible for someone to hear of the destruction and see the images of the bombardment of Lebanon, and not be outraged at the disgusting and unflinching brutality of Israel in these latest series of attacks.

The numbers say it all: nearly 1 million civilians forced to flee their homes in southern Lebanon as their towns and villages are reduced to a pile of rubble, nearly 1000 Lebanese killed, the vast majority civilians including an

the infrastructure of southern Lebanon, but it failed dismally in its task to destroy Hezbollah's (and in Palestine, Hamas') reputation as legitimate resistance groups.

Hezbollah has not only gained massive support among Muslims and Christians alike in Lebanon, but it and Hamas are the image of resistance throughout the Middle East and the rest of the world.

Hezbollah and Hamas are fighting against a Middle East that the United States, with the help of Israel, wishes to create - a pro-U.S., pro-Israel, pro-free trade Middle East. One that pays no attention to human rights - one that carries out massacres like the ones that have happened in Tyre, Qana, Jenin and Fallujah.

A Middle East allowing men and women to be tortured in the most degrading and shameful ways



A victim of Israeli human rights abuse? A wounded child lies in a hospital after bombings in Tyre, Lebanon. (bbc.com)

extremely high number of women and children. And all of this happened in the course of four weeks. Many people might think that Israel went too far in their attacks on Lebanon, but also think that Hezbollah is equally to blame because they used force against Israel. However, unlike Israel which was acting in an aggressive and provocative way - bombing bridges roads and neighborhoods - the Lebanese people were acting in self-defense.

The very country which had only been expelled from occupying southern Lebanon six years earlier was once again bombing them and moving across their borders. Lebanon absolutely had the right to resist what many understandably feared would turn into another occupation.

**We must stand with Hezbollah against Israeli aggression**

The criticisms of Hezbollah - labeling them a "terrorist" organization - stem from fear within Israel and the United States because Hezbollah, along with Hamas in Palestine, is one of the only hugely popular nationalist organizations that has successfully beat off U.S. funded Israeli aggression.

Israel made a conscious decision in targeting Hezbollah. It was seeking to destroy the most powerful forms of opposition to a Middle East controlled by the United States and its watchdog, Israel. Israel may have destroyed

possible in Abu Ghraib prison. A Middle East that allows a family picnicking on a beach in Gaza to be massacred in a "routine" shelling. A Middle East that allows generations to be born and live their entire lives in refugee camps, never being allowed to return to their homes and relatives.

It is imperative that anyone who opposes the United States and Israel's agendas for the Middle East must stand up and support the forms of resistance that exist there - we must support Hezbollah and Hamas as a legitimate nationalist and resistance organizations, and stand up with Arabs and Muslims in this country and around the world in the fight against racism and scapegoating.

In 1943 we would have stood in support of those fighting in the Warsaw Ghetto

Uprising. In 1968 we would have stood up against the massacre at My Lai and stood in support of the Vietnamese Liberation Army. And in the early 1990s we would have stood in solidarity with the South Africans fighting to end racist Apartheid.

Today we must stand with Hezbollah against Israeli aggression in Lebanon and with Hamas against Israeli aggression in Palestine, and we must stand up with the Iraqis who are demanding U.S. troops out now!



# Lake Champlain in midst of a fecal crisis

**Last year, 4 million gallons of raw sewage infiltrated the lake, and the situation is only getting worse**

By JOSIE HINGSTON

On a whitewater rafting trip in Colorado as a Bureau of Land Management ranger, we adhered strictly to the rules of clean whitewater rafting; "dilution is the solution." This dictated that pee went into the water directly from the source, and actually dissipated through the power of osmosis.

There was no rhyming catchphrase for 'poop in a bucket', but that one is hard to forget.

I was struck by the efficiency of this operation, if not a little discomfited by the unfortunate delay a pit stop could cause, strapping and re-strapping the bucket from the raft took 20 minutes. Yet we were able to cope surprisingly well without plumbing.

Now imagine four million gallons of raw sewage gushing into the Winooski River. This hits on a whole different scale. It should boggle the mind.

In the past year, eight communities in Vermont reported nearly two-dozen sewer spills



that reached rivers, lakes and wetlands. Now, don't get me wrong, I love a civilized bathroom, but perhaps dilution, the use of drains, should be reconsidered.

Vermont's wastewater system belies the progressive, ecological reputation of the state.

Archaic, incomplete and hopelessly under funded, the support for wastewater management just isn't enough.

The rural neighborhoods of Vermont are especially problematic; unable to hook into larger municipal utilities, residents in East St. Johnsbury were asked

for \$45,000 per household to fund the four-mile link between their sewers to a main treatment plant in St. Johnsbury.

Recently, The Burlington Free Press released an article that addresses the impact of our inextricable involvement in the production and management of wastewater: storm water runoff in South Burlington could cost an estimated \$18 million to clean up. Again, the cost is prohibitive, and urban residents are beginning to face the costs of clean living.

On Aug. 19 and 20, 130,000 gallons of untreated sewage flowed into the Black River in Ludlow, Vermont.

In 2004, 155 streams, lakes, ponds and rivers were listed as impaired surface waters, impaired for fish consumption, contact recreation (swimming), and aquatic life support.

Sewage, agricultural runoff, fertilizing lawns and flowerbeds, and all the chemical cleaners we use on toilets, showers, bathroom floors and cars mix into the watershed, diluted and gargantuan.

The nature of our urban landscape exacerbates the damage done by rain and melt-water: pavement velocity of storm runoff can uproot dangerous levels of phosphorus from streambeds, washed into the lake to kill fish and bloom algae.

*The Cynic's  
Disturbing Quote  
of the Week*

"It has been necessary to move these individuals to an environment where they can be held in secret, questioned by experts and, when appropriate, prosecuted for terrorist acts."

-President George W. Bush

Regulating chemical use (herbicides, pesticides, disinfectants and commercial strength cleaners) seems to be a huge and necessary step as the manufacture and use of such products has long been recognized as debilitating to all levels of life.

To remove 4 to 6 gallons of potable water per flush is a cost we have all been willing to ignore, but it cannot go on.

Washing away our troubles has to be recognized as impossible: it is inviting a massed resurgence of those problems we sent down the tubes.

## UVM's glaring flaw

By SAM MARON

The University of Vermont exploits its workers.

We are violating their fundamental human right to earn enough to support themselves and their families. By denying this, we force the people that make this campus run to live in poverty.

This injustice is not only felt by the workers but permeates to the rest of the UVM community. When we are supposed to be a model for Vermont and the world, we are being hypocritical by preaching social responsibility while not living up to our rhetoric.

This University has a moral and ethical obligation to pay a livable wage to all of its employees. This came to the forefront during the fall semester of 2005 when a resolution in support of livable wages was introduced, researched, and unanimously passed by the Student Government Association Senate.

At the same time, the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) began ramping up efforts to get the administration to actually listen to the students.

In the spring semester of 2006, SLAP decided that the campaign needed to proceed to the next level. The urgency was so great that we knew we had to act and act fast.

We began educating the

### Social injustice to continue even with the University's new livable wage plan

campus and spreading awareness about livable wages and why it is so necessary that UVM adopt them.

We kept ramping up, after several weeks of action, as well as continued talking with the administration; we held a tent-city on the green in front of Waterman to protest the inaction and unwillingness to talk seriously with us.

An outpouring of support came in from the campus and Burlington communities. The tent-city was broken up Friday night by excessive force from both UVM and Burlington police (who have no authority on the UVM campus), under the direction of the administration.

The University, one that so publicly announces its commitment to free speech and freedom of expression, forcibly broke up this nonviolent, peaceful demonstration only because of our public message broadcasting this inconvenient truth.

As a direct result of the tent-city and SLAP's actions, President Fogel created the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force to research the issue and make a recommendation. I serve on the task force. Since the end of last semester, we have worked to identify the problem and figure a

way to solve it.

The result has been the creation of a preliminary report with the recommendation of establishing a wage floor for all directly-employed UVM workers to just over 12 dollars an hour, plus benefits. This livable wage figure was calculated using UVM information, and methodology from the State of VT's Joint Fiscal Office reports on Basic Needs Budgets.

The recommendation is due on September 30th. Before this can happen, there is a public comment period to collect information on how the UVM community feels about the issue and the report.

There is one major flaw with the task force and the recommendation: it does not apply to contracted workers who work on our campus.

The largest group includes the two hundred University Dining Services employees working for Sodexo. There are a number of other services on campus that are contracted as well.

If we do not address the issue we have only solved part of the problem. We cannot say that some workers deserve a livable wage and others do not.

Many of these contracted workers are in a much more dire situation where they are forced to

work several jobs and constantly in fear of where their next pay check is coming from. UVM is in a unique position to influence the wages paid by our contractors and we must address the situation.

The University of Vermont prides itself in being a world leader in environmental and social justice. We must applaud the effort but cannot sit idly by while workers around us struggle to survive.

We are the model that every UVM student looks up to, and that the entire state of Vermont looks up to. If we exploit our workers we are being a negative role model for the world. Regardless of our other contributions, they are moot if we cannot do something so basic as giving our workers enough to get by. Even worse is that we are not living up to our own stated goals of social justice.

The task force recommendation is very exciting as it is a major first step towards ending this greatest of injustices, and I am very happy with the direction it is moving. But it doesn't go far enough. We students must gather together as we did last semester and demand that UVM pay all of its workers a livable wage.

We can do no less.

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# Poetry

## Quiet Coves

C.W. Soule

The air lofts rich sustenance  
 akin to the moist spirit of a homeward sea -  
 "My flesh is fortified."  
 "As is mine."  
 Does sight tell only of translucencies  
 wound and unwound,  
 lost and then never found,  
 so that I may peer within?  
 "There is a timorous vein."  
 "Yes, I see it quite well,"  
 pumping the celeritous and reverberating current,  
 so swift and unhindered;  
 sloshing into all figures and forms -  
 their every interstice filled.  
 "Sanguine stranger, do you hear?"  
 "Sweet somebody, I cannot."  
 Thick with laughter in their throats,  
 Creole tongues bound by mouths,  
 make flight beneath oubliettes of white teeth;  
 rhythmic like footsteps of a dance wild and free.

"Minds are coiling over rapacious thoughts."  
 "If words were less ordinary I do not think that  
 my desires should vary."

The quiet southern cove  
 has a fair bank cascaded by houses  
 of stone and cement and pastel colors myriad.  
 Dirt streets wind and unwind,  
 cutting past the houses in lines.  
 "All is well."  
 "Indeed, all is fine."

But now Apollo must quarter the sky,  
 past his midday perch,  
 casting lumens that extract yellows and greens  
 from dreary leafs,  
 once nascent, burgeoning and profound.

"Feet shuffle up the stairs."  
 "I smell the sooty scooters,  
 though they little disrupt me."  
 "Tell me, from where do you sail?"  
 "From Saint Martin," say they. "Aboard a ship  
 larger than this bay."  
 "Offer us a moment and we will share with you;  
 perhaps conversations too."  
 "I really must be leaving,  
 I have not the time to command."  
 "Fare ye well."  
 "And also adieu."

Women walk up and down the cobbled way,  
 Whispering of a sailors' pay.

"Drunk eyed ripples slip  
 beyond the contours of our ship."  
 "Aye, but sleep thee well,  
 tomorrow is but a breath away."  
 "And we shall sail?"  
 "Aye, northward ere the gale.  
 But till then, faretheewell."

## I Know You Hate Me

Phoenix Mourning-Star

You don't know me and I don't know you  
 But I think you HATE me  
 Same diffrent new town  
 Same st'ff old you  
 Must be the same me?  
 Rape me again, then we'll see  
 Nothing like hate to make us feel  
 So every mourning still  
 I hurry up wake quick  
 Just to die slow again  
 And everyday I fight  
 [that compassionate conservatism  
 with my own special brew of violent pacifism]  
 the box you so desperately need to put me in  
 the closet you so tightly slamm'd  
 those spaghetti-ass labels you keep trying to tie me  
 down with  
 but its never enough  
 so you hold your woman down  
 its still not enough so you hold your daughters down  
 And what have you taught your sons...(?)  
 Just the same old diffrent new town  
 I'm sure you hate me  
 But I don't know you I'm tired & I'm angry  
 And I'm dying just to be here...

## It's All In the Movies

Through wind and leaves  
 "The person has  
 A mold. But not

Its animal.  
 The angelic  
 Ones speak of the

Soul, of the mind. It  
 Is an animal.  
 The blue guitar—"

Morning, noon, night.  
 A cat crouches  
 Between a bird

And a tree. He  
 Swings at paradise.  
 Music in sharp arrows

Pierces the night.  
 Queen-Ann's-Lace  
 Covers the field.

Tall white heads on  
 Slender stems in  
 The sun. Some trains

Run all day west

To the sea. He  
 Slips on till  
 Chameleon gods

Drive him home.  
 And some new lover  
 Whispers, "I ride with  
 Pyramus and the  
 Gang-bangers."

## Cold Yellow Eye

Dead to the blue  
 vault above them

The new Bull Rider  
 appears at noon  
 to flip a coin.

Green leaves & sun  
 fill the evening  
 as the guitar  
 man sings desire  
 into night

Red, yellow, blue  
 against dark skin  
 rhythm snakes through

Old rooms, plastered  
 with stains. Somewhere  
 he tips his ha.

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## 9.19 Tuesday

### National Talk Like a Pirate Day! ARRR!

**Movie:** "In Search of Aztlan" interweaves dramatized comedy scenes with documentary interviews as it follows a comedy troupe on their journey to the original location of Aztlan, the ancient homeland of the Aztec people who founded the empire of Tenochtitlan in the year 1325 A.D, which they suspect is in the Southwestern United States. Grace Coolidge, Waterman Bldg / 12-1:30 pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

**Activity:** Pilates Old Mill John Dewey Lounge 325 / 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m

**Info Session:** UVM Semester Abroad in Oaxaca, Mexico. Blundell House / 4-5:30pm

**Sports:** Womens Soccer vs. Dartmouth Centennial Field / 4pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

**Meeting:** Conservation Internships with the SCA A representative from the Student Conservation Association will talk about paid internships in environmental conservation. These internships are nationwide and offer the opportunity to work in some of the most beautiful areas of our country. Contact Marie Veau-Fagnant at 656-3003 or Marie.Veau-Fagnant@uvm.edu \

**Lecture:** "Black and White In Color: Russian Films on the Chechen Wars" Professor Denise Youngblood of the History Department. John Dewey Lounge (325 Old Mill) / 12:15-1:15 p.m.

**Event:** UPB PRESENTS HOW2... Join UVM Program Board to get a basic knowledge of speaking the Spanish Language! Resources for further learning will also be available. Billings North Lounge / 7-9pm

**Event:** Rhythm & Brews Coffeehouse L/L Fireplace Lounge / 9-11pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

## 9.22 Friday

**Sports:** Women's Soccer vs. UMass Centennial Field / 3pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

## 9.23 Saturday

**Movie:** "An Inconvenient Truth" Humanity is sitting on a ticking time bomb. If

the vast majority of the worlds scientists are right, we have just ten years to avert a major catastrophe that could send our entire planet into a tail-spin of epic destruction involving extreme weather, floods, droughts, epidemics and killer heat waves beyond anything we have ever experienced. \*\*Closed Captioned. CC Theater / 8pm & 11pm

**Sports:** Men's Soccer vs. UNH Centennial Field / 1pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

## 9.24 Sunday

**Sports:** Women's Soccer vs. Binghamton Centennial Field / 1pm

**Art:** Step Right Up: Portraits of a Sideshow Living and Learning Gallery / 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

## 9.25 Monday

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## Week three predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

### Game of the Week

**Cincinnati at Pittsburgh** – This has the possibility of being one of the best games of the season. Both teams have great offenses and the under the tutelage of coach Marvin Lewis the Bengals' defense has significantly improved. But they will need great play out of QB Carson Palmer in order to have a chance against the defending champions.

The Steelers must rely on RB Willie Parker to take some of the pressure off of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger who is coming off an appendectomy. The running game will be the key to Pittsburgh getting the upper hand. Final 27-24 Pittsburgh.

### Best of the Rest

**NY Jets at Buffalo** – Both the Bills and Jets have looked very impressive thus far this season. In resurgent QB Chad Pennington, New York has the leader it needs to bring the team to victory. Final 20-14 New York.

**Jacksonville at Indianapolis** – The Colts are as good as ever this season. Even though the Jaguars and QB Byron Leftwich are playing great football it will not be enough against Peyton Manning and Indy. Final 27-17 Indianapolis.

**Chicago at Minnesota** – The Bears' third consecutive divisional matchup has them pitted against the scrappy Vikings. Minnesota has a chance to challenge Chicago with their new style of play grounded in a West Coast offense, but there is no derailing the Bears' quest for a championship. Final 23-13 Chicago.

**Tennessee at Miami** – The Titans will need to have everything clicking to even stand a chance against the Dolphins. Miami has a great all around team and playing at home should give them a huge advantage. Final 30-17 Miami.

**Carolina at Tampa Bay** – Both got off to a slow start but are too talented to let it last long. The Panthers were tabbed as possible Super Bowl contenders and this is the game they start to play like it. Final 32-27 Carolina.

**Baltimore at Cleveland** – The Ravens have been superb on defense this season. With MLB Ray Lewis leading the way Baltimore is in a situation to go far this season. They will not let the Browns stand in their way. Final 17-6 Baltimore.

**NY Giants at Seattle** – The third tough game of the season for the Giants leaves them gasping for a break. But against the tough Seahawks they will need some serious inspiration in order to get a victory. Final 20-17 Seattle.

**Philadelphia at San Francisco** – The Eagles have been playing very good football this season and should not have any problem against the 49ers. QB Donovan McNabb will have a huge game. Final 27-10 Philadelphia.

**Denver at New England** – So far this season the Patriots have looked unsure of themselves and the loss of WR Deion Branch takes away a powerful weapon. The Broncos will be able to take advantage and leave Gillette Stadium with a win. Final 24-20 Denver.

**Atlanta at New Orleans** – The new look Saints will struggle mightily with the Falcons' powerful offensive attack. Between QB Michael Vick and RB Warrick Dunn Atlanta will be a tough team to beat this season. Final 30-17 Atlanta.

### Upset Special

**Washington at Houston** – The Redskins will be looking to establish their running attack against the Texans. But the game is in Houston and the Texans have built a team that can win some games this season. Final 24-20 Houston.

## SCOREBOARD

### THIS WEEK AT UVM, SEPT. 19 - SEPT 25

Tuesday (Sept. 19)

Men's Soccer @ Harvard 3:30pm

Wednesday (Sept. 20)

Women's Soccer vs. Dartmouth 4pm

Friday (Sept. 22)

Women's Soccer vs. Massachusetts

Saturday (Sept. 23)

Softball @ Umass Tournament 11am & 1pm

Men's Soccer vs. New Hampshire 1 pm

Field Hockey @ Syracuse vs. Louisville

Sunday (Sept. 24)

Women's Soccer vs. Binghamton 1pm

Field Hockey @ Syracuse 1pm

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Tuesday (Sept. 12)

Women's Soccer: W - UVM 2, Siena 1

Friday (Sept. 15)

Men's Soccer: L - URI 3, UVM 2

Women's Soccer: L - Virginia 6, UVM 0

Saturday (Sept. 16)

Cross Country: Men 3rd of 10, Women 2nd of 7

Sunday (Sept. 17)

Women's Soccer: L - GW 2, UVM 1 (OT)

Field Hockey: W - UVM 2, Cornell 0

### TEAM RECORDS (thru Sept. 16)

Men's Soccer

2-3-2, 0-0 America East

Women's Soccer

1-3-1, 0-0 America East

Field Hockey

3-3, 0-0 America East

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San Francisco	74	74	3.5
Florida	74	74	3.5
Cincinnati	73	75	4.5
Houston	71	76	6
Arizona	71	77	6.5
Atlanta	71	77	6.5
AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	GB
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# Cats comeback falls short

By NICK DECARO

The final game of the 2006 Smith Barney Nike Classic on Sept. 10 turned out to be the most exciting.

On a brisk afternoon in front of a crowd of 1,212 the University of Vermont Catamounts lost a riveting game at the hands of the 23rd ranked Central Connecticut State Blue Devils 4-3.

After a slow start the Catamounts showed good passing and great speed to pressure the Central Connecticut defense during the first half. While Vermont was able to penetrate deep into the Blue Devils' defense, they could not seem to get the last touch through.

Fortunes changed at the 20:47 mark when sophomore forward Jordan Crasilneck made a long run down the left side of the field knifing through CCSU defenders, cut into the 18 yard box and put a blistering bender into the upper corner of the goal, giving UVM a 1-0 lead. The goal was Crasilneck second of the season.

UVM looked set to carry the lead into the second half, but that all changed when, with 36 seconds left in the half, chaos erupted in front of the Catamount net.

The melee began after a Central Connecticut corner kick. The ball was headed

down and looked to be destined for the back of the net until Vermont junior Danny Broughan instinctively stuck out his hand, knocked the ball out of the way but drawing an automatic red card.

CCSU's Alex Harrison put



#### Next Home Game

Saturday Sept. 23  
vs. UNH @ 1:00pm

the ensuing penalty kick past Vermont sophomore goalkeeper Tom Critz, tying the score and snatching away any momentum the Catamounts hoped to carry into halftime.

At the beginning of the second half Central Connecticut took advantage of the man advantage, pressuring the usually solid back line of Vermont into making uncharacteristic mistakes.

"We had discipline issues being down a man, and needed to be more organized defensively," coach Jesse Cormier said.

The tournament's offensive MVP, CCSU's Yan Klukowski put the Blue Devils ahead 2-1 off of a UVM

turnover in the 49th minute.

With the Catamounts crippled, playing with 10 men and scrambling to tie the game, Klukowski easily set up Harrison for two more goals, giving him a hat trick and Central Connecticut a 4-1 lead with just 25 minutes remaining.

Vermont looked to turn the tide five minutes later when senior captain Corey Bronner worked a give-and-go with junior midfielder Justin Geibel and then slipped a shot into the top corner of the goal to make the score 4-2, igniting the Catamount comeback.

UVM kept pressing and shooting, firing off a total of 17 shots during the game, and finally broke through again in the 85th minute. Sophomore Lee Stephane Kouadio weaved through Central Connecticut's defense down the right side, passed the ball over to junior forward Tyler Hasman, who flicked the ball downfield, where freshman Marty Galvin was waiting to bury the ball into the back of the net.

The goal was Galvin's first of his career and cut the lead to 4-3 with just five minutes remaining. But that is where the scoring would end.

The lose dropped UVM to 2-2-2 as they head out to the UMASS Soccer Classic, while the 23rd ranked Blue Devils now stand at 3-1-1.

"I was proud how the team showed heart to get back in the game, and we learned a lot this weekend, that we can take each day and improve," said Cormier of his team's comeback effort.

Earlier in the day Cornell defeated New Hampshire 1-0, creating a four-way tie in the tournament with all the teams finishing 1-1 on the weekend. Vermont was awarded the title based on the tiebreaker of most goals scored in the tournament, netting six in just two games. The title is the third straight for the Cats and their seventh in the 16 years of hosting the Classic.

"We need to put this behind us, but learn from it," Jordan Crasilneck said. "We need to come out how we finished."

Crasilneck was named to the All-Tournament team along with freshman defender Nick Mead, while Captain Corey Bronner captured the Defensive MVP award.



# Smarten up, Red Sox Nation

By JASON FIDLER

Let me start off by saying that the 2006 Boston Red Sox are done, caput. They have had no chance for the past couple weeks now to make a comeback. The few of you "Fenway Faithful" who are still praying for a miracle of Biblical-proportions can give it up. There will be no second coming of Crisp.

Now that that's settled, the 2006 crash, which will live in infamy in Red Sox history, up

there with the collapse of 1978 in which the Sox blew a 14 game lead over the Yankees, should not have come as a surprise to anyone. This year's team was just not that good, plain and simple.

"Elementary, my dear Fidler," I can hear many of you in Red Sox Nation say. "Before the All-Star break we were the best team in the league, everyone on ESPN said so."

Wrong.

I now wish to tell you a little story of heartbreak and triumph,

of a man named Theo and another named Coco. Hopefully it will give you a better understanding as to why this team, right from the start, was doomed not to play in October:

October 31, 2005 - Wonder boy Theo Epstein steps down as general manager citing differences with Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino.

December 20, 2005 - Johnny Damon signs with the New York Yankees.

January 24, 2006 - Theo

Epstein returns as Red Sox manager.

January 25, 2006 - Red Sox snag young hot-shot Coco Crisp from the Cleveland Indians.

The change in Red Sox Centerfielders pretty well illustrates how things went for Boston last off-season. Out were the old and shaggy "idiots" that won the World Series in 2004 like Damon, Kevin Millar, and Derek Lowe. In were a bunch of new, clean cut, and most importantly, young guys that would come to

dominate the roster in 2006. Therefore right from the get-go this season was going to be, as my old high school basketball coach called every season, a "rebuilding season," nice words for a season without hope.

The season started off quite well, phenomenally well in fact. Despite Crisp's early injury, 24 year old Wily Mo Pena was filling in nicely. Mark Loretta, Mike Lowell, and even Alex Gonzalez were hitting the ball like they never had before, as well as providing the best defensive trio in all of baseball. Then there were a couple of guys named Manny and David.

And the pitching, oh the pitching! Schilling was back in bloody-sock form, competing with the fiery new acquisition Josh Beckett for the league lead in wins. Most importantly, however, the young arms were exploding. Pabelbon, Lester, Del Carmen, and Hansen were performing well beyond their years. By the All-Star break it looked as if no one, not even those wily Yankees would catch them.

Then the team began to show its true form. The high on which Del Carmen, Hansen, and Beckett thrived fizzled when fatigue set in. Extreme mediocrity shown by Kyle Snyder and Lenny DiNardo didn't help. Young arms tire easily, it's a known fact, and when a team relies almost entirely on rookie hurlers, watch out.

The offense became stagnate as well. Lowell slumped, Gonzalez went back to his typical "worst offensive shortstop in the league" self, Coco showed his youth in the plate, and Wily Mo never got enough at-bats to be effective.

By the time the rejuvenated New York Yankees had finished wiping the floor with Manny's hair during the hallowed five-game summer series at Fenway, the Sox were cooked. The slow death that followed came as a shock to some. As can be seen, it shouldn't have. The team was too young, too immature, to be good.

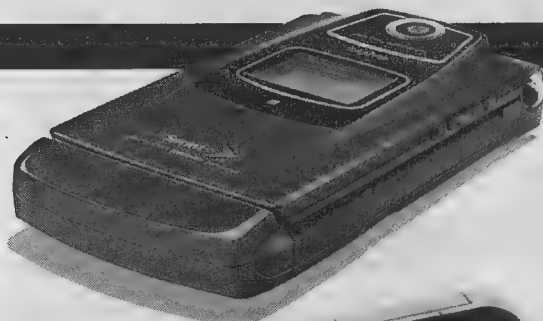
In conclusion, this story is better than an Aesop Fable in the amount of lessons one can take from it.

1: No team as young as the Red Sox can put together a complete season.

2: No fan should put their hopes on a team as young as this one.

3: I don't think this is a moral, but next year, as with most years in Red Sox Nation will be their year. Definitely.

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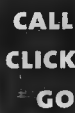
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# Freshmen propel UVM

## Goal by Solberg puts Cats ahead, great goalkeeping by Bradley seals Cats' first victory

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

A game of firsts for the women's soccer team saw the Cats get their first win of the season behind the first goal of the year for sophomore Lexi Kaknes and the first career goal for freshman Jenny Solberg.

Vermont used a strong second half along with great goaltending to defeat the Siena Saints 2-1 on Tuesday Sept. 12.

"Our team has been working really, really hard," coach Kerry Dzikkaniec said. "[We] finally had the opportunity to reward ourselves for our hard work, our intensity and our efforts."

During the first half Vermont controlled most of the play but could not get an open look at the goal. The teams were only able to muster three shots apiece as the half ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

**"Our team has been working really, really hard, [we] finally had the opportunity to reward ourselves for our hard work, our intensity and our efforts"**

After playing the beginning of the second half to a draw, the Cats began to separate themselves.

Solberg and Kaknes were

dominating in the midfield and it finally paid off in the 70th minute when senior Cassandra VanLeeuwen found Kaknes streaking up the right side of the field and fed her a ball into space that she blasted in off the far post.



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Tuesday Sept. 20  
vs. Dartmouth @  
4:00 p.m.

This was just the beginning of the barrage Vermont sent at the Saints goal in the second half when they outshot Siena 12-3.

Just over 10 minutes later the Cats struck again on a goal by Solberg. She collected a pass from fellow freshman Carson Laderoute and blasted it into the goal from just outside the 18-yard box, off the hands of Siena keeper Patti Carroll.

In just her fourth collegiate game, Solberg is already having a major impact. Along with her goal and three shots she was a force in the middle of the field, winning headers and fighting through defenders.

Vermont looked to be in control until the 89th minute when Siena got on the board thanks to senior Kristen Turner who took a pass from Alyssa Thayer and buried it in the back of the net.

Siena kept threatening in the final moments of the game. They had a chance to tie the score, but as the Saints were about to shoot, Catamount sophomore Kaitlin Francis came out of nowhere to

distract her and give freshman goalkeeper Eliza Bradley time to get in position.

Good position wasn't enough as Bradley had to dive across the face of the goal to get her fingertips on the shot and deflect it wide and out of bounds.

"That was a great save," Dzikkaniec said. "Most keepers would have just given up and she didn't and that was the difference."

Siena had one final chance on a corner kick with less than 30 seconds remaining but Vermont was able to clear the ball and preserve the victory.

With the win the Cats improve to 1-2-1 on the season while the Saints drop to 2-3-1.

"This gives us great confidence in terms of getting on the road to go down and play the University of Virginia," Dzikkaniec said.



Vermont freshman Jenny Solberg controls the ball against Siena.  
(Roger Riniker/Athletic Communications)



(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

## ~ INSIDE ~

• Despite a 4-3 loss to Central Connecticut State University on Sept. 10, the Vermont Men's Soccer team captured the title in 16th annual Smith Barney Nike Classic. Full coverage on page 14.

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• JASON FIDLER explains why the demise of the Red Sox was tragically unsurprising. See page 15.



Vermont junior Danielle Collins scored her eighth goal of the season and third of the Classic against Davidson. Collins leads the America East Conference with 20 points this season and ranks third in the nation in points per game (3.33).

(Roger Riniker/Athletic Communications)

# Cats win Classic

## Vermont goes undefeated to capture inaugural Sheraton Catamount Classic

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

The UVM Field Hockey team shut out the Davidson College Wildcats 3-0 in the final game of the Sheraton Catamount Classic Sept. 10 at the Moulton Winder Field.

UVM dominated the entire game with the majority of play in their offensive circle but could not get a goal into Davidson's cage until the 23rd minute. Despite congestion around the cage, senior Nikki Desch was able to put the ball past Wildcat goalkeeper Brittany Rollek with the assist from senior Liz Berry.

Less than two minutes later junior Danielle Collins took a shot from the circle and slipped it past the goaltender, expanding Vermont's lead to 2-0 at the end of the first half of play.

The Catamounts took an unprecedented 21 shots in the first half but were only able to tally the two goals.

"The girls just needed to calm down and be more patient," head coach Nicki Houghton said. "They were swinging too much and needed to settle down and catch

their balance in the attacking circle. Once they did that, they really allowed us to finish this game strong."

In the second half of the game Davidson increased the intensity of play and was able to bring the ball down into the Vermont circle. But the Wildcats were not able to break through the defense led by Catamounts goalkeeper, redshirt freshman, Kristen Heavens.

UVM fought back and was able to move the ball back up to Davidson's goal where sophomore Maegan Luce shot and scored an unassisted goal in the 54th minute.

Almost immediately after Vermont's third goal of the game, Davidson substituted goalies, allowing senior Rachel Kiselewich to see some playing time.

"We really didn't notice the switch," Luce said of the new goalie. "We kept pressuring and attacking the goal regardless of who was in it or how fast the rebounds came. We just wanted to get more shots off and secure the game."

The remainder of play was almost even in the second

half. Davidson was able to get more penalty corners but were unable to put the ball away as the Catamount's defense held strong.

"We have great communication and were able to adjust to whatever Davidson put in front of us," Heavens said. "I worked a year for today and the entire defense was there to support and talk so that we could form a unit and win the game as a team."

Heavens got the shutout in her first game on the Vermont Field Hockey team, which won the Classic with a 2-0 record.

Vermont's first place finish improves them to 3-3 on their season. And even with the loss, Davidson took second place in the tournament. Miami (Ohio) finished third after 3-0 victory over UNH, who fell to 0-5 on the season.

Collins, Luce, Kim Striegler, and Jen Angers were recognized as part of the All-Tournament Team.

"On this team everyone is crucial," Houghton said. "The game doesn't rely on one person and this tournament was won by a team effort."



## Student in coma

**After collapsing in an intramural football game, fraternity brother is in critical condition in a Boston hospital**

By LAUREN VILBERT

Mike Milmo, a University of Vermont sophomore, caught a virus that attacked his heart. On Sept. 12, Milmo was playing flag football with friends, when he collapsed suddenly to the ground.

He went without oxygen or blood to his brain for about 75 minutes and he lost his pulse for almost an hour, doctors said. Milmo has been in a coma ever since.

The paramedics said Milmo's pulse was on and off for an hour. "The doctors said chances of this are about as good as being struck by lightning," stated the website that Milmo's family regularly updates.

Milmo's brain had too much swelling initially for a proper reading of his MRI. The doctor was able to tell that his brain still has visible activity, according to the website.

"When I heard about Mike I was in absolute shock," sophomore Britney Mailhot said.

Milmo was Mailhot's neighbor for the first semester of school.

Milmo was transferred from Burlington to Boston on Sept. 13 for hospital care.

The first goal for Milmo was to have his heart start to work on its own and to be taken off the heart pump, stated the website.

*"Michael has about a 1 in 10 chance of full recovery or needing limited assistance"*

www.carepages.com

His heart began to function correctly the next day, so he will not need to have a heart transplant, according to the website.

Milmo underwent surgery for his tracheotomy on Sept. 21. A tube was inserted to help him breathe more comfortably. The surgery was a success. He has

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Mike Milmo pictured last January at Sig Ep (Brook Hoffman)

## Truth of Eck's attack

By COLIN LUCAS

Three weeks after Colby Eck's naked assault of multiple female UVM students, many people in the UVM community are still unaware of his exact crimes.

New information from police reports, victim interviews, and an interview with Eck's mother has shed light onto the night of Sept. 5.

Contradictory information from different students in the Harris Residence Hall led to the initial report that Eck was naked when he entered the dorm. This is incorrect, according to police.

"Eck took his clothes off after he arrived in the residence halls," UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said.

Once inside, Eck began to go on a "rampage," police officer Jason Bellavance said.

According to police reports, Eck first entered room 306 in Harris and "grabbed [Dana] Charlee's leg and started to pull her off a chair."

"While Eck was doing this he was pulling at her pants as if to pull them off."

"Colby bent over and pulled on my pants," Charlee, a senior resident of University Heights said.

Harris RA Alex Cruz was in room 306 with Charlee and "acted quickly and was able to get Eck out of the room, then called for police," police reports said.

*"My first reaction was that I thought he was going to rape me"*

- Jen Chan

"I was glad to see the police getting at him," Charlee said. "Because I did not like that kid."

Eck then went down the hall where, according to police reports, he walked by freshman Lindsay Baker and "struck [her] in the face."

"The blow to her head had enough force to knock her into the wall. At this point, Eck gave Baker a strong push, causing the

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## Police violence ends in stalemate

By MIKHAILA JANISZYN

There will be no follow-up police investigation concerning the accusations of UVM police violence that were brought forward by three UVM sophomores at the Sept. 11 public hearing for the police services' reaccreditation.

Matt Aizenstadt and Brian Whalen, along with UVM sophomore Bill Belanger, reported two incidents.

On the night of Sept. 8 they said they saw police officers approach a student walking on Pearl Street who appeared to be drunk. The officers proceeded to use threats and violence on the student, and then celebrated with a high-five, Aizenstadt, and Whalen said.

The assessment is being run by the Commission on Accreditation of Law

**Students refuse to work with authorities on police violence accusations for fear of backlash**



UVM police patrolling the campus (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

Enforcement (CALEA).

"We are unable to confirm or refute the accusations because the students are not coming forward with any more [testimony]," UVM police Chief Gary Margolis said in a phone interview.

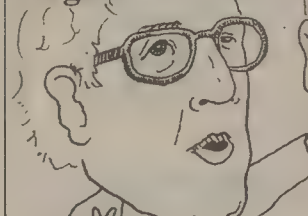
Margolis contacted the students, both by e-mail and in person after the hearing. While they were grateful for his concern, they would not work with him on a follow-up investigation, Margolis said.

"I would be in favor of the police doing something," said Aizenstadt, "but there would be no point in an investigation."

"The only real thing that can be done is for more students to be educated about their rights. Every time I hear stories from people [about campus police], I

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# Wage struggle continues

## Livable wage task force determines UVM pays too little to 125 employees

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER

About 125 of the 250 workers at the University of Vermont earn less than "basic budget needs," according to the preliminary report from the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force.

Out of those earning less than "basic budget needs," 60 percent are women, according to the report.

The Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force was created last April by President Fogel in response to a year full of student activism on campus.

There are 19 members; five faculty, four students, five staff, and five administrative officers.

The task force was charged with four tasks. The first is to make recommendations regarding the principles and policies that guide the University's workforce.

The second is to compile data regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment.

The third task is to solicit the

opinions of interested students, faculty, and staff.

The fourth is to research, respect, and understand the collective bargaining process of unionized employees and the administration.

Currently, the University pays market labor price, which is determined by the Vermont Legislature. Each individual's wages are based on job characteristics and their particular qualifications.

In addition, the University provides a benefits package, with lower salaried employees paying a smaller percent of the premium.

In order to provide employees with livable wages, the task force recommended that the University trump the market price in Vermont for those workers classified as earning less than basic budget needs.

The University would therefore establish its own wage policy based on the basic needs of a single person household.

Those employees that are classified as earning a suitable wage would continue to be paid market price.

The estimated cost of these implementations is about \$1 million.

Presently there are two options to raise the money required. The first is to pay the administration less. The second is to increase tuition.

"There is no free lunch, the money has to come from somewhere, either higher tuition or

lower wages," said Tom Gustafson, vice president for student and campus life and member of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force.

The first option would require a shift in wages paid to all employees at the University. "The University has a pool of money used for employees, they can reallocate within that pool of money they give for staff, faculty, and administrators," said professor Jane Knodell, chair of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force.

*"If you think that it's wrong for staff to be paid less, it's easy to say I support this, but are you willing to make the sacrifice"*

- Jane Knodell

This would mean lower wages for faculty that are currently paid market price, in order to pay more for those that don't make "basic needs" wages.

At the same time, however, Knodell is doubtful that the money could come all from one place; meaning that if it doesn't come from administrators, it must come from tuition.

"I think only the students can answer this question. It's a test of the solidarity of our campus," Knodell said. "If you think that

it's wrong for staff to be paid less, it's easy to say I support this, but are you willing to make the sacrifice."

According to the draft of the preliminary report of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force, altering payment lessens the gap between older, more skilled workers, and newer less skilled workers creating a poor sense of morale.

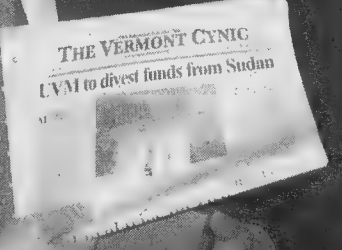
Gustafson is fearful that if

wages are reallocated for all staff, as Knodell suggests, the University will not attract the type of top-notch employees they are currently looking for.

"I think it's pretty dangerous to ignore the market for any employees, in any business when you don't pay, you are not going to attract viable employees," Gustafson said.

A final report will be issued to the President's office by the end of September.

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## New system racks up trouble

### Peoplesoft, UVM's new financing system, leaves funds inaccessible to student clubs

By THOMAS PAYEUR

Peoplesoft, the University of Vermont's new financing and human resources software, has been encountering problems since its initiation last summer.

These problems include purchase orders not being dispatched on time, incorrect financial reports, and failure to accommodate last minute actions, said Blanka Caha, financial assistant to the SGA.

"There still are definitely processes that aren't accessible to us, or being used as expected," Caha said.

At the treasurer's workshop on Sept. 19 SGA Treasurer Jess Banks said that all fundraising funds for clubs have account balances set at zero, despite how much a given club has raised previously to now.

Fundraising funds consist of money that clubs have earned on their own through various programs. "We have written record of all accounts," Banks said. "The funds should be up to date

by the end of the month."

Banks also announced that monetary transfers were currently unstable.

The effect Peoplesoft has on the University's clubs is just one instance in which students are involved. "This is the entire University, it's a huge deal," Banks said.

"I'm not too worried about [Peoplesoft] because it hasn't really affected me yet," said first year student Patrick Grant-Musso.

The University switched over to Peoplesoft after a team worked for UVM on the software for two years.

The deadline for the HR section of Peoplesoft was pushed back from a date set in January 2006 to a date in April 2006. The financial portion came into play on July 1.

According to their website, Peoplesoft, "helps you manage the entire student lifecycle seamlessly... in a secure, stable environment."

The system will take at least another two years to work flawlessly, Caha said.

In 2004 a previous customer, Cleveland State University, filed a lawsuit against Peoplesoft, charging the company \$510 million in damages and costs. The

reasoning behind the decision was that the system constantly had to be fixed during the years of use on the university's network.

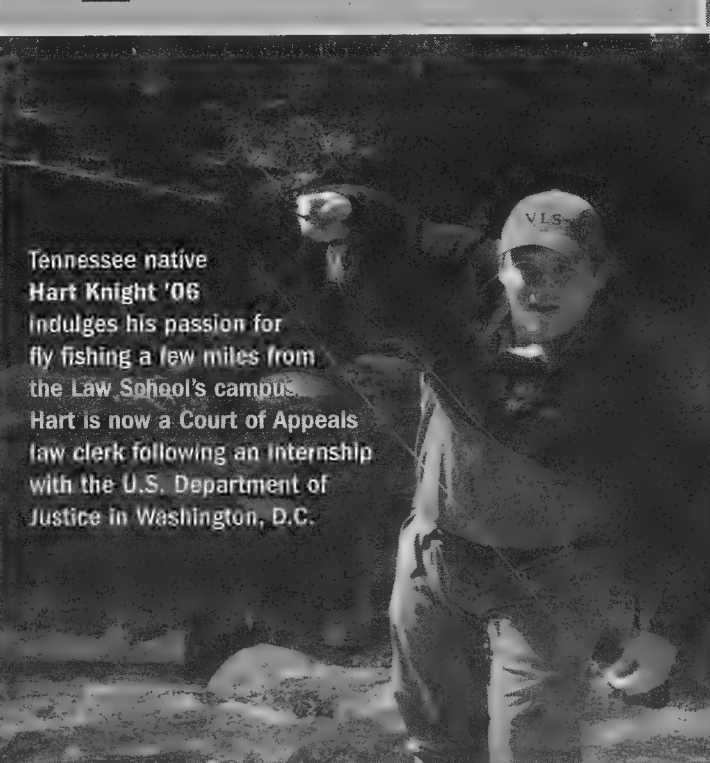
The University of Vermont is still in a phase of switching over. Training sessions are still taking place and staff members are familiarizing themselves with the new software.

All faculty currently use Peoplesoft for managing their personal information, travel and expenses, funds for sponsored projects, and time management.

"The administration is just asking us to be patient," Caha said.



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# Eck attack

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back of Baker's head to hit the cinder block wall.

"This caused Baker great pain which she rated as an eight or nine on a scale of one to ten, ten being the worst," according to police reports.

As Baker then tried to leave, "Eck grabbed her and held onto her, preventing her escape from the assault," according to police reports.

Once again, "Alex Cruz witnessed the attack and came to [Baker's] aid as she struggled to leave Eck's grasp," police reports stated.

Baker told police, "she had never been so scared before in her life and feared that Eck was going to continue to assault her as Cruz attempted to pull her away."

"Eck continued down the hallway when Cruz and Baker left," police reports stated.

Baker's roommate, freshman Kayla Towle, was in her room talking on the phone when, "She went into the hall and saw a naked guy (Eck) in the hallway," police reports said.

"Towle turned to go back into her room because she didn't want to see the naked male, and as she was closing her door, Eck barged into her room.

"Eck closed the door and locked it behind him...trapping her in the room. Eck put his left arm around Towle's shoulder and neck, then started to forcefully pull her towards him.

"Towle struck Eck in the cheek and was able to get by him and escape into the hallway," according to police reports.

The time of Eck's fourth attack, on freshman Jen Chan, is unclear in relation to the other

attacks.

"He just opened my door," Chan said. "I told him to close it and he did. Then he opened it again and he was next to me and he grabbed me.

"My first reaction was that I thought he was going to rape me," Chan said.

According to police reports, Eck "tried to hug Chan around the shoulder area at one point and stuck his hands between her legs.

"Chan was able to stand up with the male still hugging her with one arm and putting his hands on the area of clothing that was covering her vagina.

***Eck closed the door and locked it behind him...trapping her in the room***

"Chan was able to make it into the hallway, where she fell to the floor which resulted in minor abrasions to her right knee and wrist."

According to Chan, the only thing Eck said during the entire incident was, "This is weird."

Police reports said, Eck "thought this was all a dream. He remembered walking around naked and thought that people were looking at him weird.

"He remembered walking up to them and touching them to see if they were real."

Despite multiple efforts, Eck could not be reached for further comment.

Eck's mother, Virginia Eck of Shrewsbury, MA, said, "I'm

not allowed to talk about the case, and neither is Colby. It's a legal thing I guess. The lawyer made that very clear."

When police arrived on the scene, they found Eck in the lounge, Sgt. James J. Phelps' police report stated.

"I looked into the room and saw a naked male standing there with a wild look in his eyes. His speech pattern made no sense and he was sweating profusely.

"Based on my 17 years of experience I recognized the symptoms as someone who was under the influence of some sort of drug. Often times that drug is 'Ecstasy,'" Phelps said in his report.

"[Eck] said something and immediately started trying to hit Officer [Brian] Wood and I. I ordered Bellavance to deploy the taser, which he did.

"The suspect fell to the floor after being struck by the Taser. He was then taken into custody," stated police reports.

The taser that was used on Eck had a camera attached to the end of it, so there is a video of his take down, Margolis said.

"As far as the video, it is public record but not until the case is finished being prosecuted," Margolis said.

Eck's charges are simple assault on a police officer, aggravated assault, unlawful restraint in the second degree, and lewd and lascivious conduct.

His next court date is Thursday.

While a jury will ultimately



Colby Eck (Police Services)

decide Eck's punishment, a few UVM students shared their opinions on the subject.

"I think he should be in rehab. Honestly, years in prison will not erase a night on drugs when you are not in control of your own inhibitions," freshman Ben Conarck said.

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Freshman Trevor Quinn, on the other hand, said, "I'd say 27 years is sufficient."

"I thought at first this kid should be in jail for a long time," Charlee said.

"But I think it would be better for society if he wasn't locked up for so long. I think he needs substance abuse counseling and help finding a job and re-entering the community," Charlee said.

## Cemetery uncovered

**Secrets of historic Vermont cemetery unearthed**

By LAUREN VILBERT

Imagine a course where the secrets of people buried in a revolutionary era cemetery are discovered. Maybe summer classes can be exciting and challenging.

Scott A. McLaughlin, archaeologist and history professor at the University of Vermont, and his class spent the summer investigating and uncovering the secrets of the Jericho Center Cemetery, in Jericho, Vermont.

The field project is called Gone But Not Forgotten - Jericho Center Cemetery. The course connected to it, Cemeteries as Social Documents, lasted five weeks during the summer, but many UVM students stayed an extra two weeks to complete the project.

The Jericho Center Cemetery is relatively small, with about 1,500 headstones that have dates as old as the late 1780s.

The field project combines archaeology, history, geography, anthropology and sociology, McLaughlin said. McLaughlin and his students task was to provide a walking tour booklet for the cemetery.

The book would include a thorough description of the headstones, basic family history of the buried individuals, and a detailed plot-map to show the locations of the burials. Each student worked on a portion of the booklet.

Through their cemetery research, the students learned the proper way to perform headstone rubbing. "Some of the headstones are badly destroyed, so matching the index of names with the headstone was a tedious process," McLaughlin said.

The students also used metal probes and metal detectors to uncover buried stones. Students discovered 20 different objects from studying the grave sites.

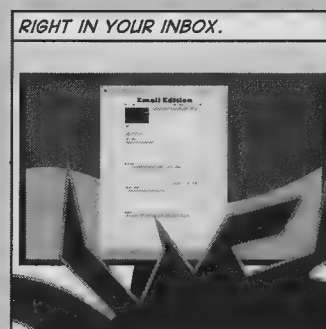
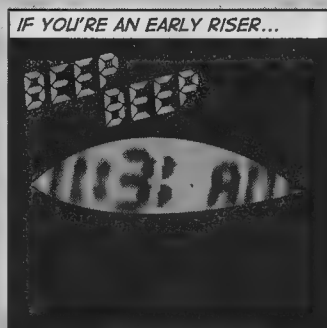
They also gained insight into the lives of the buried individuals. "There were different styles of epitaphs used throughout time. The epitaphs represent the individual's beliefs and who they were as a person," McLaughlin said.

Some of the headstones have certain symbols that were important to the person, such as a rose to symbolize a mother or a dove to symbolize eternal peace. "Detailed epitaphs helped to understand things they read or feelings and attitudes of the buried people," McLaughlin said.

The class learned about the different materials used in the cemetery. "The slate headstones are the oldest in the cemetery. They are beautifully carved and are easier to read," he said. "Marble was most prevalent up through the 1890s."

The walking tour booklet will be completed by mid-January. McLaughlin hopes the project will benefit the community. "The next time you drive by a cemetery, stop, and take a walk through history," McLaughlin said.

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# Dorm security loopholes

## News analysis

By DAVID STARRELS

Earlier this month, Colby Eck, a 19-year-old CCV student, gained access to Harris Hall, stripped himself of all clothes and proceeded to sexually assault female students. He was under the influence of ecstasy and claimed that he was visiting a friend.

A few weeks later, as a test, a Cynic reporter, who is not a Harris resident, easily gained access to the residential hall without using a keycard or asking for entry.

"I simply walked in behind two people who proceeded to hold the door for me. I was then able to freely walk around the Harris halls," the reporter said.

In a later interview, campus police Chief Gary Margolis was asked to define the role of campus police regarding dormitory security.

"We don't randomly patrol

residence halls. Reslife is responsible for the policies that govern the security of the halls.

"When we are in the halls it's because we're responding to a call for service and/or we're working with res hall staff to solve a specific problem," Margolis said.

The duties of the residential advisor are numerous, and outlined as "providing a safe and secure environment that fosters healthy, inclusive community

**"I think that no security system in the world is going to protect against students allowing visitors and strangers into the residence halls"**  
- Chief Margolis

building among all residents," according to the reslife website.

Such duties range from the reporting of drug use to the verifying of entries and exits to dor-

mitories.

When asked if there was any other type of dormitory access control, Chief Margolis said that the CatCard system was the, "primary access control for res halls."

"Accessing the dorms to non-residents is often visiting someone in the hall, because

doors get propped, or because someone follows them into the building," Margolis said.

When asked if the recent Eck incident merited any further security measures beyond the CatCard verification system, Margolis said, "I think that no security system in the world is

going to protect against students allowing visitors and strangers into the residence halls.

"Eck was avoidable if his friend, the UVM student and hall resident, had made a better decision to not let him in the building," Margolis said.



Within 30 seconds, non-UVM student Matthew Ploof entered Coolidge Hall Thursday afternoon (Lindsay Tully/Vermont Cynic)

## Mike Milmo

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been resting under heavy sedatives ever since the surgery, stated the website.

Plans are beginning for Mike to be transferred out of the ICU to a long term rehab and care facility, stated the website.

**Mike remains in stable condition, breathing on his own and resting comfortably**

- [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com)

The UVM community has Milmo in their thoughts and in their prayers, as seen by the hundreds of messages of support on the website.

Students have made bracelets in his honor. The bracelets cost five dollars and will be sold all over UVM's campus. All of the proceeds will go toward helping the Milmo family.

The website that Milmo's friends and family created to update Milmo's condition can be found at [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com).

## Stalemate

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tell them to look up the Fourth Amendment and what their rights are."

Brian Whalen, had his own reasons for not wishing to continue with a police follow-up. "I had an encounter with one of the same officers involved. I know what type of guy he is," Whalen said. "I know that he would use this against me."

The students also reported seeing campus police order a student to empty their backpack while standing in front of Simpson Hall.

"Not every police officer I've encountered was like that," said Whalen. "I think the officer that did that is an exaggeration of all UVM police officers. He's an extreme."

Whalen said that he thinks that campus police have a bad relationship with students overall.

Susan Lowrey, CALEA contact for the UVM police services, said these accusations about police misconduct are the first complaints that have been brought before the accreditation board.

She does not know how they will affect the assessment. The results of the hearing will be released in November at another hearing.

Whalen doesn't think their testimonies will have any role in the final decision.

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# NOVEMBER ELECTIONS PREVIEW



Story by NOAH STAUM  
Illustration by AARON LOPEZ-BARRANTES

Pictured from left to right: Peter Welch, Bob Skold, Bernie Sanders, Martha Rainville and Brian Dubie

**F**rom the legalization of marijuana to issues concerning renewable energy and healthcare, candidates are campaigning and win over Vermonters. Whether they are running for governor, lieutenant governor, the U.S. Senate, or the House of Representatives, on Nov. 7, members of the Democratic, Republican, Liberty Union, Green, and Independent Parties are facing-off.

Republican Jim Douglas is the incumbent governor, and has already held the position for two terms. Douglas served as state treasurer, secretary of state, and a member of the Vermont House of Representatives, both as the assistant majority leader and majority leader.

Douglas's main opponent is Democratic nominee Scudder Parker, who addresses subjects such as agriculture, economic development, energy, the environment, and the War in Iraq.

Bob Skold, the Vermont Liberty Union Party candidate, is pictured on his website standing nude with a promotional sign reading, "nothing to hide."

He describes his party as "a nonviolent, socialist party" "believes in a government that provides for the security, health,

and survival of the people."

Cris Ericson, a female candidate running as an Independent for governor and U.S. Senate, (since a politician can legally hold a state and federal office simultaneously), is well known for her desire to legalize marijuana. Supporters of Ericson may be familiar with her catchy claim, "a friend with weed is a friend in need of a pardon."

In the lieutenant governor race, Brian Dubie, the Republican incumbent, is looking to keep his position for a third term against Democrat Matt Dunne and Vermont Liberty Union Party member, Mary Alice Herbert.

Dubie, a UVM alum and member of Air Force Reserves, was recently deployed to Iraq.

Candidate Matt Dunne is in his second term in the state Senate. On his website, he addresses issues concerning economic development, the environment, education, and healthcare.

Herbert, The Liberty Union candidate, most recently appeared in the 2004 U.S. vice presidential election as a member of the Socialist Party.

Herbert is a retired public school teacher and lives in the town of Putney, Vermont.

In the national races, a position in the U.S. Senate is vacant as incumbent Jim Jeffords opted

to retire instead of going for a fourth term.

The race is half occupied by Independent candidates, including Bernie Sanders, a current member of the U.S. House of Representatives. He has been re-elected to the House seven times, which is the longest length of time an Independent has held the position in history, stated his website. Other Independents include aforementioned Cris Ericson and Steve Moyer.

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Out of the four office positions, the Senate race is the only one with a Green Party member running. Candidate Craig Hill, who has released a video about September 11, 2001, entitled "Treason, Inc.," has pledged to "direct the public's attention from the lies and the cover-up to the facts, the physics, and the truth of the betrayal of America on 9/11,"

stated his website.

Peter Diamondstone, another Senate candidate, is running as a Liberty Union Party member.

The only big party candidate for the Senate is Republican Rich Tarrant of Colchester. He is the co-founder of a Burlington based technology company specializing in healthcare called IDX Systems. Tarrant has also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University of Vermont Health Center and a director of Fletcher Allen Healthcare.

Finally, since incumbent House of Representatives member Sanders is running for Senate, there are four candidates running for his open position.

Democrat Peter Welch supports what he calls his "Six Pillars of Change." The concept, developed by Welch, involves issues of economic security, national security, Iraq, energy independence, Vermont jobs, and fiscal responsibility in the national government.

Welch has previously served in the State Senate and was elected Senate leader — the position that he currently holds.

Republican nominee, Martha Rainville, was elected to the Vermont National Guard as state adjutant general, a position, according to her website, never held by a woman in National

Guard history.

"I want to serve in Congress because I will be a powerful advocate on the issues important to Vermont and America," Rainville states on her website.

The two other House candidates include Liberty Union Party member Jane Newton and Independent Keith Stern. Newton is a retired registered nurse and has previously run for lieutenant governor and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Stern's political campaign is focused on debt reduction, shrinking the size of the government, tax reform, energy, and government spending.

To learn more about any of these candidates, information is available online through their individual campaign websites.

**Check out next week's Cynic for in-depth election coverage and analysis**





iPods: the asocial answer. (Lily March/Vermont Cynic)

# Dorm costs don't add up

By CHRISTINA TODD

Whether you are living in the newly renovated dorms, or in a dorm that seems all but abandoned by the University; no matter the size of the rooms, the price is the same.

For freshmen, such as Tess Hanley, there was not a whole lot of choosing where she would live on campus. According to Hanley, incoming freshman were told to fill out a form asking if they were a smoker or not, and whether they wanted a double or a single.

This is a different procedure from a few years ago when incoming freshman were asked to list their top three dorm choices in preferred order.

Hanley landed in one of the dorms on campus with smaller rooms in Chittenden, with rooms 11 by 13.5 feet big. During orientation, freshmen stay in Harris/Millis, with rooms that are nearly 20 by 17 feet big.

According to Hanley, her room is livable but not comfortable. Hanley found out just last week that both residents of Chittenden Hall and Harris/Millis pay the same amount for housing per year: \$5950 for a single and \$5150 for a double. For Hanley, the location makes up for it.

But what about dorms with smaller rooms that do not have a prime location for classes?

Ashley Wilson and Abbey Hoffman are roommates in Coolidge Hall, which is located

on Redstone Campus.

Walk into Coolidge and you will not be greeted by a front desk, or find a common area with activities for the residents. It sits facing away from the Redstone green with a basement full of locked doors with no answer to what's behind them. Rooms here are 15 by 11 feet.

Wilson and Hoffman did not choose to be on Redstone as freshmen, and were not aware that they were paying the same amount to live in Coolidge as residents of dorms such as Simpson, where room measurements are almost 20 by 17 feet big. Or the newly renovated dorms in Wing/Davis/Wilks, at 12 by 17 feet.

They did not think it was fair that since their room was so small and they had to pay to have their beds lofted in order to make it comfortable.

Although freshmen may not have a choice of where they are going to live, sophomores do not necessarily have a choice either.

At the end of freshman year, soon-to-be-sophomores are given lottery numbers at random, and it is in the order of numbers drawn that they are allowed to sign up for a dorm.

Devin Fallon and his roommate had bad lottery numbers, landing them in Coolidge, which, as Fallon described it, is a "gerbil trap."

Maya Boudreau is a sophomore at UVM and a resident of

the fairly new Davis Hall. Boudreau lived in Buckham last year, when her thoughts were, "If I have to live in a dorm like this again next year I will kill someone."

Luckily, she received preferred housing due to her status as a Vermont Scholar. On the rooming process, Boudreau thought that it should be done more fairly so people do not get stuck in small rooms two years in a row.

Boudreau was aware that she was paying the same amount to live in Davis this year as she did last year in Buckham. Although it bothered her last year when she was in Buckham, this year she does not think about it, she said.

Carren Coburn, Boudreau's roommate, noted that this was a tough issue. Coburn does not think there is a way to make it fair. Since prices coincide with room size, she was not sure how much more or less students should have to pay, unless they build every dorm room the same.

Michael Rubin, a freshman at UVM and a resident of Coolidge, does not think that fixing pricing to accommodate room size would be a good idea, and not just because of the difficulty it would pose.

Rubin sees making all standard housing the same price as a way to bring together people from all socioeconomic backgrounds. "This way there isn't a dorm for rich kids and one for the poor," Rubin said.

## The upside of rhetoric

By TRIXIE JAMESON

We, as college students walk around every day with our ipods on at full blast, hoping to tune out the college world that we've come to know within the past few years, months or even days.

We listen to music that makes us feel good, because we know that class isn't going to do that for us, and that crush that we've had for so long - the one that's going nowhere - yeah, that's not going cheer us up either.

We get nervous when walking around campus by ourselves, therefore, ipods and cell phones are a convenient distraction from the world around us. These expensive toys are great for avoiding eye contact and pretending we're more interesting people.

It's like saying to the world: "want to feel like you have a bigger dick, or if that's not an option, a bigger ego?"

As for cell phones, do you ever notice that as soon as people depart from their friends while walking to class, they pick up their cell phones and pretend to be doing something enthralling?

It's because, as a society, we have to remain appealing to the general public, more specifically to the opposite sex, at all points during the day.

The clothes we wear, the way we talk, the phones we have, the mp3 players; it's like a guy looking at another guy at the urinals and saying, "not bad, but do you have the new chocolate cell phone by LG?"

College is like a hypothetical orgy. Everyone's thinking about sex at the same time but not everyone gets naked in public. Except for, of course Colby Eck. Therefore we must remain appealing to the general public and more importantly, the opposite sex at all times.

It's amazing that so many people from so many places do

the same exact things. Watch someone that has been walking by themselves with no means of interaction or entertainment for more than 30 seconds. They are mostly dead-pan or look like they have a stick up their butt.

Sometimes it's because they failed a test or forgot something in their room. Or, they might actually have a stick up their butt.

It's amazing what kind of transforming effect a cell phone has on these people. One minute they resemble Todd from the Wedding Crashers, and then, when the cell phone comes out they turn into the coolest person in the world.

*College is like a hypothetical orgy.*

*Everyone's thinking about sex at the same time but not everyone gets naked in public.*

*Except for, of course Colby Eck*

Now they have something to do and something to make them look like a more exciting person. Who are we doing this for? Do we really think that at a party on Friday night, the boy of our dreams is going come up to us and say, "hey, I know you. I was walking behind you to class the other day. You had the most amazing conversation with your friend about how you like being on the bottom."

If that happened, the next place you'd stop wouldn't be Sig Ep, it would be the police station for a restraining order.

Why do we always need to be entertained? So we can show other people how interesting we are? Or is it that we can't be in our own heads for more than a minute because the voices start talking?

## A fashion don't: skirts over jeans

By CLAUDIA GONZALES

For various reasons, I ask myself is the trend worth trying out? Every time I see it paraded around on campus, I find myself asking, what went wrong? Then I start actually admiring the outfit, one ghastly example after the other.

Sometimes I felt like it'd be easier to scrap the idea altogether. However, I decided to adopt a moderate stance: if you're going to mix two of the most sacred articles of clothing in the fashion dictionary, at least try to do it right. Here's how:

1. Stick to your dress size. Contrary to popular belief, there is a style out there for every body type. But don't expect that skirt to act as some kind fashion umbrella, shielding the world from the fact that your pants are clearly two sizes too small. Embrace your body type, don't run from it.

2. Wear the right type of pants. You cannot (I repeat, NOT) wear denim jeans under a skirt and expect to get away with it.

Skinny jeans are an absolute must. Or, you could take the plunge by scrapping the skirt altogether and going for a tunic.

3. Be creative with patterns and colors, but keep it simple. Parading every design out there, known to fashion will end up looking way too jumbled.

This means no mixing polka dots, or stripes with bold prints. Stick to one or two similar prints only.



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## Slick Rick The Ruler emerges from obscurity at Plan B in Burlington

By DAVE SACHS  
A & E Editor

Once upon a time not long ago, when hip-hop was young and the only school was old, there lived a man they called The Ruler.

Arguably an architect of hip-hop, Slick Rick a.k.a. Ricky D a.k.a. The Ruler played master of ceremonies Friday night at the new bar and lounge, Plan B, in downtown Burlington.

Rick, after being detained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (which was attempting to deport him to his home country of England) for several months in 2002, has made one thing clear with his performance: The Ruler's back.

There was no need to sound the trumpets though, because the old school (and old-aged at 41) hip-hop legend made his presence known simply by rocking a b-boy stance and blinding the crowd with his excess of ice.

As Rick took the stage, his jewel-encrusted eye patch glistened and winked at the crowd.

In the weeks leading up to the performance, Burlington was abuzz with anticipation, but a little confusion also.

"Where has he been?" seemed to be the question of the hour for many, as The Ruler's past has been dotted with rumors of murder (he was convicted of attempted murder and spent five years in jail) and deportation.

Questions like this became

# The Ruler's back



moot when he took the stage, and all that mattered was Rick's flawless oral tradition as he told his "Children's Story" with his trade-

mark silky, slightly British air.

Burlington, though, an unlikely venue for The Ruler, received him well. Plan B's

atmosphere is more New York City than North Country and Rick, raised in the Bronx, may have felt more at home there than

say, Radio Bean.

One got the feeling that Slick Rick The Ruler, as he has dubbed himself legally, still has his moves together as he shuffled around the stage—not weighed down by his many gold chains—and let the crowd finish his lyrics about Dave the dope fiend, who "don't know the meaning of water nor soap."

Sticking to the classics like "La Di Da Di," it would have been ideal to hear some tracks from his incredibly secretive comeback album "The Adventure Continues," apparently to be released later this year.

But no one could complain, considering the legendary king was just feet away from us mere peasants. The audience hung on his every word like he was relaying a message of divinity.

And in effect, he was. At one point Rick took a break to make a point about the shape of hip-hop today, having his DJ play rap travesties like "Shoulder Lean" and "Ridin' Dirty" to get the audience's reaction.

He then countered with his own music, eliciting cheers and air punches reminiscent of Arsenio Hall.

Rick's set was short, but concentrated and powerful nonetheless. The intimate stage at Plan B more or less puts the performer in the crowd, so The Ruler was not just performing, but joining the party as well.

Whatever alias he is called, Slick Rick The Ruler has apparently returned to bring the old school into the new.

# Bisco back in Burlington

## Disco Biscuits shows have two performers: the band and the band's fans

By THOMAS PAYEUR

The lights go down, sound erupts and glow sticks emerge. And so the Biscuits guide their ship of ever changing tunes through a sea of raving fluorescent lights.

Brothers Past started out the show with a strong lead. Through a whirl of solid lights and sound, they gave promise to the jam band scene. Their more structured sound making it easy for rookies to adjust to the feel of a boundless show.

With a heavy emphasis on the "trance" feeling, Brothers Past spread the red carpet for the Biscuits with finesse.

A long time later, the Biscuits took the stage. The wait

was worth it, as Bisco fans surged forth with energy and glow sticks.

For the next few hours reality was twisted into a feverish cyclone. To the left of me a guy

*Although funny, the antics of the Biscuits' fans became tiresome after a while*

was smoking a joint with enthusiasm. To the right, a man energetically flung glow sticks around his body, creating intricate patterns, and through it all the Biscuits played faithfully.

But a maelstrom of activity can quickly turn flaccid if one isn't overly passionate.

Although funny, the antics of the Biscuits' fans became tiresome after a while. Sure, it was entertaining to watch the lady

with the dreads flail around for the first half hour, but it just got repetitive.

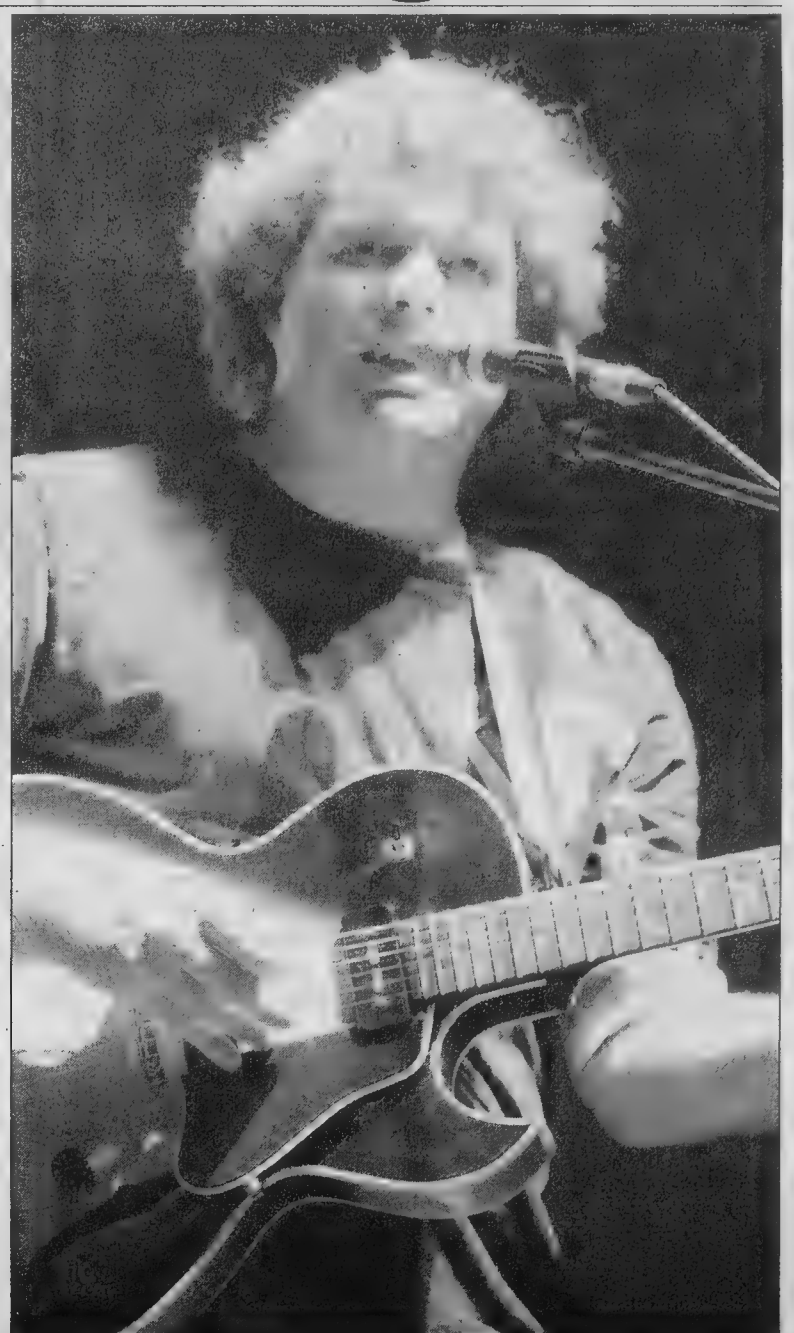
The Biscuits, true to their trance-fusion style, used a splendid blend of traditional jam band flavor and new age tech. They proved to be a band for the concert, not the recording studio. Their tunes melded seamlessly into one another with a flair most people have never encountered.

Anyone with an open mind could have easily enjoyed the music. Unfortunately, spectators' patience seemed thin with the over-the-top scenesters who eventually became the main event with their strange performances.

Hats off to Bisco and their hardcore fans—they lived up to all expectations—but their mini-recitals somewhat drowned out the real stars of the show.



New Bisco drummer Allen Aucoin (Mike Jones/SA Concerts)



Disco Biscuits front man Jon Gutwillig is happy to be wailing at Patrick Gym (Mike Jones/SA Concerts)



## Before a show in Burlington, Built to Spill's Brett Netson talks of the band's success and direction

By MEREDITH RIVLIN

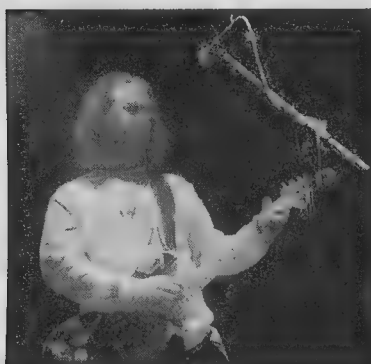
Is there no rest for the weary?

After canceling their tour last spring due to front man Doug Martsch's retinal injury, seminal indie-rock outfit Built to Spill is on the road again.

Disproving the myth that nothing good came from the 90s, Built to Spill has influenced bands of today while continuing to release new music.

Brett Netson of BTS told the *Cynic* his views on touring, knighthood and the current shape of the world.

**VC:** It's been about a five year music hiatus since you've released any albums. What did you do in that time?



Brett Netson, above, recently rejoined Built to Spill (onewhiskey.com)

**BN:** Was it 5 years? Like with anything you get kind of burnt out at some point. Doug [Martsch] did a solo record thing. It was kind of done before the last Built to Spill record. He released it and then did a solo tour of the West Coast.

**VC:** I can imagine getting pretty

# Built to last



From left, Built to Spill's Jim Roth, Doug Martsch, Brett Nelson (not Netson) and Scott Plouf. (wikipedia.org)

burnt out.

**BN:** Music is so all-encompassing. It's amazing people don't get burnt out more. I guess some people that genuinely want to do it their whole lives, they end up lasting a while.

**VC:** So are you those kinds of people?

**BN:** Oh yeah. Evidently. Things have turned out that way. We kind of like what's going on so we're gonna keep doing it till we get everything done, and then probably record next summer.

We've been recording already and then we might do Europe in the spring and then in the summer we'll just completely focus on maybe finishing up the record.

**VC:** What can you tell me about the music video for your single "Conventional Wisdom"? Was the man a real medieval knight or just an actor?

**BN:** It was a real knight actor. The directors that did that video, they're younger, from L.A.. They're not your average L.A. sleazebag types. They came across that guy, his name is James, he lives up in the hills outside of L.A.. He does that for a living. He puts on shows and travels around the country. His big thing is to revive jousting as an Olympic event. That's like his ultimate goal.

[The video] had a good sense of humor. It was kind of funny without corniness and not at anybody's expense really. It was taking a big chance going up there and doing it. Just to fly out there and hope that everything turned out okay. With a video you really don't know if it's going to turn out terrible.

**VC:** What can you tell me about your writing process? I know you've been around for a while...do you ever run out of ideas?

**BN:** No, that's all we do so even

if you run out of stuff there's always something old you can pull out and redo. If you're

*I guess some people that genuinely want to [play music] their whole lives, they end up lasting a while*

unsure about it, you can finish it up. When you do it all the time you kind of have a stock pile of songs. Normally it's Doug that writes the songs but more than ever on this one though the band wrote the songs together.

**VC:** Is there any pressure to write political songs or to be the next Bob Dylan and lead us to a revolution?

**BN:** No pressure. How can you not? People tried not to for so long. You don't want to be that person that comes out and says something too dramatic or sound

like you're complaining or something.

**VC:** What do you think of music these days...is the direction uphill or downhill?

**BN:** Oh, it's horrible. I don't think it's hopeless. I think that everybody is dealing with this huge information revolution. The Internet is just really changing peoples lives in a really big way. It's really unsettling and chaotic and it's really information overload and I think it's gonna take a while for it all to settle down... when it kind of settles down, becomes less of a novelty, I think things might start to get real cool again. Maybe they already are.

**VC:** I don't know about that.

**BN:** Yeah, who knows. Our government might completely destroy us too at any minute in the next year. Who knows? (Laughs)

**VC:** It's tough to be optimistic.

**BN:** Yeah...it's so up in the air right now it's just too hard to say...But you know what I really like is it seems like younger people really do support a lot of the great bands of the late 80s and 90s. Clear Channel started up all those commercial alternative stations. They put up all that money to put up all those stations so that all the major labels could just have a field day with promoting everything that they want to promote and they completely had their way from then on.

So you've got all the Calvin Klein cocaine-rocker bands, skinny kids wearing their tight t-shirts and all this sh--, giving all this music [credit] that is just good enough.

Built to Spill is "doin' it" at Higher Ground Oct. 1.

## "Underpants" to drop at UVM

Steve Martin's adaptation opens the Royall Tyler Theatre this season

By DAKOTA RUBIN

"The Underpants," a satirical farce about a mishap that sends a ripple of controversy through a whole town, opens at the Royall Tyler Theatre on Wednesday and runs through Oct. 8.

An adaptation of Carl Sternheim's farce, "Die Hose," "The Underpants" is the portrayal of a young frau named Louise and her 15 minutes of fame in early 20th century Düsseldorf, Germany.

While waving during a parade for the king, Louise's underpants accidentally fall down, causing a stir throughout the town.

"All this stuff ensues based on this one little lady's panties falling down," director Sarah Carleton said. "It is a really silly, demented plot."

In his adaptation, Steve Martin emphasizes the dynamic between Louise and her very uptight, traditional, and domineering husband, Theo, while



From left, UVM Students Greg Perkins, Sabrina Sydnor (standing), Mike Rushia and Harry McErney at rehearsal (Molly Kurent/UVM Theatre)

making a story set a long time ago seem relevant in modern times.

"[The play] takes a very satirical look at the whole male/female relationship and how silly society is in terms of restricting people and confusing them," Carleton said.

After casting the play last spring, Carleton, in her 11th year as part of the UVM staff, got to work on the first day of this semester.

The cast rehearsed three

hours every night Monday through Friday and then three to four hours every Saturday for the last four weeks, said Carleton.

"They are a great group of students that clicked together," Carleton said. "They are having fun letting go because these characters are big and broad."

For tickets contact the box office at (802) 656-2094 or in the entrance of the Royall Tyler Theatre.

## Film Review: Wassup Rockers

Critically acclaimed director Larry Clark produces new film on troubled youths

By JOSEPH TORDA

It comes as no surprise that director Larry Clark's most recent film, "Wassup Rockers," focuses on the all too familiar topic of urban teenage life.

Clark is most well known for his 1995 film "Kids," which told the story of an HIV-positive teen who sets out to take the virginity of as many girls as he can.

10 years later, Clark approaches the theme of rebellious adolescence from a radically different perspective.

Shot with a high-resolution digital camera and a cast of non-actors, "Wassup Rockers" offers a raw look at the lives of a group of Latino skateboarders from South Central Los Angeles who refuse to conform to the cultural standards of hip-hop and violence that dominate their surroundings.

They choose instead to wear their hair long, their jeans tight, and sing punk rock music. The film follows the boys as they venture to a famous skate spot in upscale Beverly Hills. The wealthy area proves to be even more dangerous than their neighborhood, as they are attacked by evil preppies, racist cops, drunken actresses and a gun-slinging movie star.

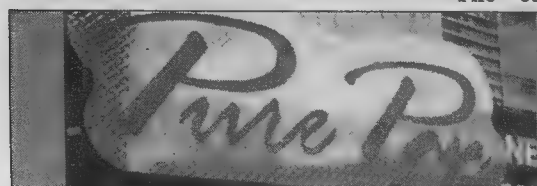
The film strays from Clark's traditional storylines in that it ends on a more positive note.

Instead of highlighting the misfortune of his characters and the disparity of their situation, Clark seems to convey a more uplifting message about the strength that comes with true friendship.

The plot becomes increasingly ridiculous as the movie persists, and much of the dialogue is based on improvisation that can be amusing, but at times nearly unbearable.

The stellar punk rock soundtrack is a major highlight, fitting perfectly with the style of the film.

"Wassup Rockers" is a flawed piece of cinema, but still highly entertaining.



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The author, Jock Young during his frat days. (JockYoung.com)

# This is no frat party

New novel casts dim light on fraternity life

By BRIAN LANDRY

"Light shines on the darker side of college fraternities," Jock Young's first novel, "Epsilon Zeta," proclaims in bold print on its cover.

Young attempts casting his verbal light by allowing his readers to spend a few semesters in a fraternity at his fictional Northwestern Florida University, or NFU.

Within the first few chapters, the reader is introduced to an overwhelming cast of characters. In trying to speak for too many people, Young never allows for any of his characters

to fully develop, leaving the reader to follow the exploits of an utterly flat cast of characters.

His portraits of characters leave much to be desired: "Zack walked over to the front porch railing where Renee was sitting with April Hughes, Cal's blond and bosomy girlfriend."

Young's book is filled with trite and superficial descriptions like this, leaving out any portrayal of substance.

While wasting too many pages with dialogue that often sounds tedious and forced, the new novelist avoids explaining important aspects of the Epsilon Zeta fraternity and does not define terms well enough for readers who are not involved in fraternity life to understand.

It seems there are events

that are thrown in to shock the reader, but they often seem wholly unrelated to the plot, with most of the troubles in the Epsilon Zeta house stemming more from financial problems and petty quarrels between the brothers than anything else.

**Young's book is filled with trite and superficial descriptions**

While these elements form the backbone of a mildly entertaining story, there seems to be a level of excitement missing that one might expect from a book that claims to be exposing the lesser known, shadier sides of fraternity life.

One upside to Young's book is that he remains objective throughout his narrative, taking care not to influence his readers by taking sides.

Take a trip to Mr. Young's website though, and, under the "Epsilon Zeta Research" link for the novel is a palette of photographs from his frat days complete with the trite but necessary beer helmet and a quote from the author more or less blaming (or endearing) his fraternity for crushing his dream of one day heading NASA.

But whatever his goal may be—whether to purely entertain or to expose to his readers something that he deems of important, namely what takes place inside fraternities—his task is ultimately lost in the swampy pages of this story that is a chore to trudge through.

## Critical thinking: Musical musings



**The Letting Go** (Domino)  
Bonnie "Prince" Buster

Will Oldham gets around.

Under his commonly used moniker Bonnie "Prince" Billy, he has co-recorded albums with Matt Sweeney ("Superwolf") and Tortoise (this year's mildly disappointing "The Brave and the Bold"), released "A Summer in the Southeast" and now another solo album, "The Letting Go" all in less than a year.

Did I mention he recently completed an east coast tour and revs up a western run in less than a month?

Yeah, Billy works hard.

"The Letting Go," is bravely different from his past releases.

Usually relying on a staunch less-is-more belief, Oldham this time rushes out of the box with glorious string arrangements ("Love Comes to Me," et al) and guest drummer Jim White (of Dirty Three) playing odd, subdued pseudo-electronic beats on "Lay and Love."

"Prince" Billy's voice, as heart breakingly strained as ever, shines on this album and is accompanied by backing vocalist Dawn McCarthy. Her harmonies are the sun to Oldham's moon, shining brightly even on the darkest tracks, sparking and adding depth to already stunningly written songs.

The album, which despite its world weary lyrics and feel, is markedly brighter than Oldham's masterpiece, "I See a Darkness", and gives the 1999 folk landmark a run for its money as the highlight of the Bonnie Prince's full and magnificent career.

The most strikingly honest album to come out of 2006 thus far, "The Letting Go" is not to be missed by folk, country or really, any music fans—a testament to Oldham's songwriting mastery.

—Stephen R. Hausmann



**Servants in Heaven, Kings in Hell** (Babygrande)  
Jedi Mind Tricks

It might be the return of the Jedi.

When Jus Allah left the group following the smash success of 2000's "Violent by Design," Vinnie Paz's lyricism took a definite turn for the worse. The two subsequent albums, "Visions of Gandhi" and "Legacy of Blood," were lyrically bland and generic, with Paz infusing his verses with homophobic hate and violence against Christianity.

But with their fifth and most recent release, the duo has begun to diverge from the rampant violence, homophobia and Christ-bashing that marked their last two releases.

The beats are exceptional, with Stoupe crafting layers of instruments aided by a plethora of samples. Meanwhile, Vincenzo is at his best when he.

Jewels like "Shadow Business" and "Uncommon Valor" are close to socially conscious as the group has ever been, the latter even presenting a veiled parallel between the wars in Iraq and Vietnam, with the former being an indictment of sweatshop conditions.

The most touching and surprising track of the album has to be the haunting "Razorblade Salvation," a reinterpretation of Sufjan Stevens' "Dumb I Sound."

While Indie rocker Diamond Girl fills the chorus with pain, Paz contemplates ending his life.

Of course, the album has more than its share of battle rap songs, but even these are more coherent than in the past.

In the end, there are still far too many generic battle raps that say the exact same thing: "Heavy Metal Kings" finds Ill Bill (formerly of Non-Phixion) and Paz trading verses about how much they'll kill you.

—Lucas Caress



**The Outsider** (Umvd)  
DJ Shadow

My brow furrowed in excitement as the intro to *Outsider* commenced, my thoughts ringing, "This is it! He's done it again!"

Five songs into DJ Shadow's new creation, sheer confusion replaced anticipation. It isn't a new work of art by an artist who delivered chills in the past: it is Frankenstein's musical monster.

Infused with pieces of defunct and appalling confusion, the question begs: What happened, DJ Shadow?

While segments of this album exude the familiar smoothness only Shadow can create by aligning together beats that would seemingly clash, the disc is a disappointment for the most part.

"This Time (I'm Gonna Try it My Way)" from "Outsider" stirs those familiar old feelings of incited unique energy, and Shadow gets credit for courageously mixing it up with styles completely new to his name, adding in a flavor of blues guitar with "Backstage Girl" and "Broken Levee Blues."

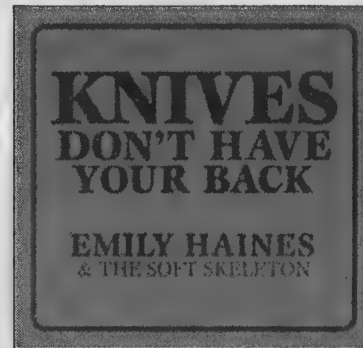
The only problem is even in songs like these, raps destroy the flow, as Phonte Coleman's words of a promiscuous "backstage" chick conflict with the potential in drum and guitar solos.

Terribly generic hip-hop tracks ruin this album with awkward and shallow lyrics that fail to even be catchy—like "Turf Dancing" featuring Animagiaks and Federation, which leaves the listener stunned that Shadow would have any part of this.

Guests Q-Tip and Lateef the Truth Speaker's verses on "Enuff" are just that.

A whirlwind of a ride without any worthwhile destination, Shadow's genre-less, theme-less "Outsider" goes everywhere but nowhere, even if he is thinking outside the box.

—Lily Bottino



**Knives Don't Have Your Back** (Last Gang)  
Emily Haines & The Soft Skeleton

Best known for her involvement with Metric and Broken Social Scene, Emily Haines finally made time for her first solo effort.

Haines, known for Metric's danceable sound, departs from this reputation on "Knives," which is delicately composed, piano-driven, and complimented by soft vocals.

Taking four years to complete, her efforts pay off with a beautiful and deeply personal album that does not disappoint.

"Knives" begins with "Our Hell," a moving and delicate song about despair and helplessness. Though somber, it is a highlight of the album.

The theme of loneliness and despair continues on "Crowd Surf off a Cliff" when Haines sings, "I wake up lonely."

On this track, Haines even drops the f-word, but does so in a way that makes it tragic rather than vulgar.

"The Lottery" and "The Maid Needs a Maid," are more political with lyrics hinting at sexuality, feminism, and social class.

Changing the pace yet again, "Mostly Waving" incorporates a variety of horn instruments that make the track more forceful and powerful than the rest.

This track, along with "Reading in Bed" was written after the death of Haines' father, a Canadian poet, and are the most personal tracks on the album.

"Knives" is a melancholy and heart-wrenching disc filled with loss and vulnerability.

Haines possesses a certain sadness and angst on her solo debut, but this leaves the listener with anguish and respect for her and her Skeleton.

—Erin Sullivan



Cover art for Jock Young's first novel

Writing a novel is no easy task, and it seems that Young's heart is in the right place, but until he learns to develop his characters more fully, his future works will lack discernable talent as a novelist.

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# The most vicious

*In an instant, a scholarly trip became a stark lesson in the roots of a conflict which has tortured a region for centuries*

World War III was the buzzword this summer. What a time to be alive; the threat of apocalypse itself being kicked around by CNN, Fox News and MSNBC like a hacky-sack. Stephen Colbert updated America nightly with his (admittedly hilarious) Road to Armageddon feature, and pundits promised the end was nigh.

Whether the 24/7 News prophets of doom were a cause for laughter or languish with you, their chatter was impossible to ignore - when Israel and Hezbollah butted heads this summer, O'Reilly and company were pumped to full blast.

Yet, while Americans basked in the warm, blue TV glow of their living rooms and watched a war unfold, two UVMers bore witness to the present and future of the Middle East crisis, beneath an angry Israeli moon.

Slowly the sun was setting but Gabe Reif and Garrett Naiman were just getting started. Outside their offices in University Heights, munching on brownies, Reif and

Naiman (Student Leadership Coordinator for the Honors College and U-Heights North Assistant Residence Director, respectively) recalled what brought them to Israel in the first place.

Friends through masters classes in the Student Affairs Higher Education program at UVM, Garrett and Gabe (both Jewish) had been involved in an e-mail correspondence with a class discussing religious pluralism, Jewish heritage and its effects on spirituality.

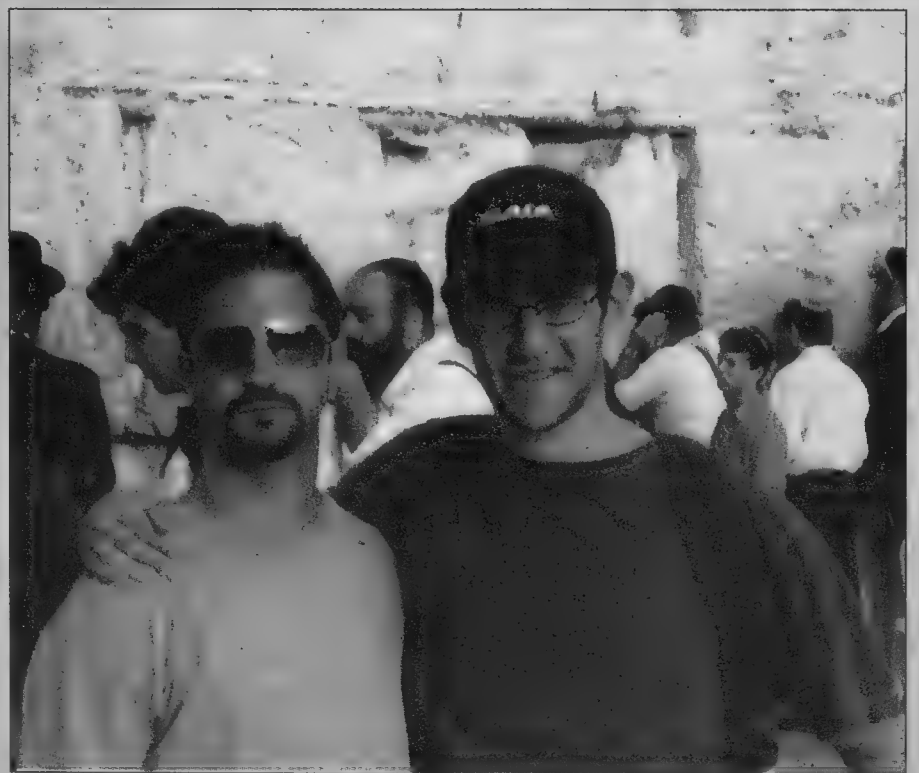
"In December, Garrett and I were talking and he said 'what about going to Israel this summer?'" Gabe said. "I said you're crazy but...why not?"

Throwing together a research mission about Israeli higher education, the two took off from Logan Airport on July fourth and, despite a holdup and reroute through Toronto, which cost them a day of their trip, they arrived whole and excited in Tel Aviv.

After five days at Tel Aviv University, studying the Israeli model of higher education, the two left for the University of Haifa. Laughing and finishing each others sentences like brothers, Gabe and Garrett, were more than happy to tell about their experiences in what was, at that point, a rather quiet coastal town.

"We got there and the big deal was that there were forest fires going on, people were evacuating the dorms and were really up in arms about that," Gabe remembered. Between that and the World Cup, the trip began as purely cultural and academic, though not without initial tension.

"When you walk into a mall, a restaurant, anywhere, your bag is being checked, there is a metal detector on you.



Naiman and Reif pose in front of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, July 2006  
(Gabe Reif)

You know you're in Israel," Garrett said. Leaving an extra tip for the security at the door was another shock for the first time visitor and was a sure sign that he was not in Vermont any longer.

As the forest fires raged not 30 miles away from where Reif and Naiman were studying, another spark was struck ablaze when, on July 12, Hezbollah operatives crossed the border into Israel and seized two IDF (Israeli Defense Force) soldiers.

"There was a very distinct moment when the trip changed," Garrett explained after giving background into the trip. During a conversation with an Israeli-equivalent to an RD, the phone rang.

"She turns to us and says, 'I'm not panicking,' though she was," Garrett said. "But two soldiers just got kidnapped and eight more were killed on the blue line, which is the border with Lebanon. She made sure her brother was OK, took a





Story by STEPHEN R. HAUSMANN  
Illustration by JAKE ZIWICH

deep breath and resumed her conversation with us. We talked basketball for a while!" He said fondly. "Which I thought was very Israeli - dealing with crisis, but still in the moment of regular life."

Done with Haifa, on a whim the duo decided to leave for Jerusalem a day early - arriving three hours before rockets began pouring down upon the city they had just departed from; on streets they had walked down that morning.

**"He says 'They just beat up an Arab.' He looked at us and our shock and said, pretty disdainful, 'You're an American, you don't understand, it's just an Arab, no one cares'"**

"Suddenly the forest fire, no one gives a rat's ass about that. People are in bomb shelters!" Gabe said. "And on the news, we could see streets we were on earlier that day." Garrett said, finishing for him.

Thrown into a war zone, the mood of the trip shifted - fear slunk into the forefront of their minds, though not enough to usurp their trip. They were both adamant in assuring that the very thought of regret was foolish - they wouldn't have changed a moment, despite the tension.

Moving onto Jerusalem in such an altered Israel - a nation now actively at war - made the events that followed all the more poignant.

"This was our third night in Jerusalem, hanging out, people watching in Zion Square, when a contingency of

about a hundred youth - probably around high school age, all clearly Jewish based on garb - came in with this amazing energy.

"They were singing and dancing, all these boys and girls and, to me, it was like everything that was good and pure and celebratory and fun and beautiful about my Jewish culture and the Jewish people and Jewish youth was there." Garrett said, with his eyes on the wall, far away and glowing.

Out of nowhere a group of around 70 teenagers stormed into the square, racing up towards the opposite end, bringing with them a sea change in the crowd's attitude.

"It was like there was a celebrity up at the top of the street; a very urgent and aggressive energy," Garrett went on. "We follow them cautiously behind when the next thing we know a lot of those same youths come running back down the street and, on the left, a police car is driving up. I turn to this fifteen-year-old young man and ask him what's going on and he says, 'They just beat up an Arab.' He looked at us and our shock and said, pretty disdainful, 'You're an American, you don't understand, it's just an Arab. No one cares.'"

This story is representative of the attitudes held by both sides of the conflict. Neither Israel nor the rest of the Arab world views the life of the other as holding any value. In Garrett's words, "The kid's friends start walking up asking, 'What's up? What's going on? Oh, it's just an Arab? - what are you doing tonight?'"

This is the attitude the youth have; instilled within them from birth, perpetuated by their parents and the culture they live in, they grow up hating. They join the military (a mandatory three years for Israeli males), go to war against the people they

are trained to hate and have children who are then socialized in the same way.

It is a bloody circle, unending and slowly, painfully collapsing in on itself - taking the entire region with it.

The idea of children, and their role in the future, was a recurring thought for Reif and Naiman.

Garrett talked about standing in a falafel shop with a Muslim woman and her daughter.

"She had the biggest, brown two-year-old eyes and she's smiling at me and I'm smiling back. Later, I'm thinking that it won't be long until that little girl isn't going to be smiling at me anymore, she's going to learn to fear or hate or all of the above."

Fear is a major problem, on both sides. Speaking at a recent meeting at UVM on environmental issues facing UVM, a Jordanian student named Oapr called it, "The story of fear."

"Fear for both sides - there is no real dialogue or trying to understand each other. This fear leads them to act violently and believe the other side is hostile. This is the root of this violence in the area."

Gabe experienced this sort of narrow understanding during the trip, at an Israeli family's house for dinner.

"I had dinner with this family...grandparents who were about 60, parents about 30, and a baby. They were great, but they were talking about 'the dirty trades that all people in Lebanon practice,' the 'dirty oil business,' the 'dirty drug business.' There is very little cross cultural respect. I wouldn't even dare to ask 'Well, have you ever thought about it THIS way?' People were angry, people only saw one side of things."

He and Garrett were quick to add that this was merely the impression they received from those they talked to - obviously not the ideals held by all Jewish people everywhere or even in Israel.

"It all goes both ways...hate and hate and hate and hate." Gabe lamented.

Later in the trip, the pair witnessed a halted suicide bombing on a busy Jerusalem street, sending shockwaves through both of them.

**"There is no real dialogue or trying to understand each other. This fear leads them to act violently and believe the other side is hostile"**

"Here's this guy," Garrett said, "and sure it's natural for me to be scared, it's natural for me to be angry at him, and then, I also felt sad. This is the way that this guy thinks he can be most effective doing social justice for his people. That makes me sad that he feels such a need to make life 'better' for his people. Lots of people think 'Oh, he must just hate Jews' but I don't view it that simply."

There is nothing simple about the war torn region. Fueled on religion and millennia-old strife, it's an area already aflame; militants and civilians are pouring kerosene all over it. Until someone grabs a hose, the cycle will not break and the fire will smolder on.

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Stephen Hausmann,



# One drink rape

**Watch out. Even if a woman tells you yes, if she has had one drink or puff, UVM policy says no**

By SAM LAVALLEE  
Senior Staff Writer

Two popular social activities among college students may appear to be harmless fun, but the combination of alcohol and sex could turn one crazy night into a felony charge quicker than you think.

It's fair to say that most college students have been in a situation where they've had a few drinks at a party and met someone they were attracted to. Many have probably acted on that sexual urge, despite the fact that neither of them had been sober at the time.

Sounds harmless, right?

What neither of them probably knew at the time is that a woman's sexual consent is deemed invalid if she is the least bit intoxicated. In addition, the male involved could be charged with sexual assault or even rape, even if the woman had verbally consented to sex.

Before I go on, a quick disclaimer. UVM's sexual assault policy does not discriminate between the genders or sexual orientations of offenders or victims. The vast majority of sexual assault cases have female victims with male assailants. This column uses that pattern

for simplicity, so substitute pronouns where appropriate.

The UVM sexual assault policy defines sexual assault as: "any sexual contact forced on another person through any means including, but not limited to, threats to harm them or another, intimidation, coercion, or lack of consent. If someone is pressured or intimidated into sexual contact, or is otherwise mentally or physically incapable of consent, the University of Vermont considers this sexual assault."

Most of the clause provides necessary protections from sexual predators, all except the clause about the incapability of consent. UVM's definition of mentally or physically incapable states: "a person who is rendered temporarily or permanently incapable of making decisions for any reason, or is otherwise unable to give clear consent. This may be caused by, but is not limited to, administration or use of alcohol or other drugs."

This means that the first beer she drinks means you can't legally ask her if tonight's the night. Well, you can ask her, but even if she says "yes," legally it still means "no." You might also notice that passing her the Dutch essentially means she can't legally tell you she'll sleep with you.

Caffeine and nicotine are drugs too, but I doubt the judge would really believe that the cup of coffee she drank clouded her reasoning. Though the law does beg the question, what

constitutes a drug?

But before I get flooded with hate mail from sexual assault victims, let me be clear about my position. In general, the stricter the sexual assault policy the better. It's not as if most women are salivating at the opportunity to press sexual assault charges after having two or three drinks followed by some regrettable sex.

Today's secular, liberal youth has made casual sex more acceptable and less stigmatized. In effect, strict sexual assault policies provide women who have been unknowingly drugged, or, drank a fifth of

***The sexual assault policy clearly sets up an unequal power dynamic between the girl and the guy once alcohol is added to the potential of sex***

tequila in an hour, to be legally protected from that creepy guy who keeps smiling at her funny while he's refilling her drink.

It would only be worthwhile for a woman to activate this sexual assault policy if, in fact, she feels her consent was not valid and that her partner should have been able to recognize that. In court, the jury would not grant the woman money damages, so don't worry too much guys. She won't charge you just because she wants to squeeze a little dough

out of you.

The sexual assault policy clearly sets up an unequal power dynamic between the woman and the man once alcohol is added to the potential of sex.

Before the situation reaches an NC-17 rating, the male has 100 percent responsibility to determine, first, if the woman is capable of giving sexual consent, and second, if she consents. We must ask, is it consent that will hold up under the law.

That's a heavy weight to place on a college student who is likely to be wasted himself, especially when the result of a wrong choice is hard time behind bars.

On the flip side, by the time the awkward next morning rolls around, the power to determine the validity of the sexual consent is shifted 180 degrees to the woman. She decides whether or not to press charges, while the man's next chance to defend himself is in a court of law.

So, I am sorry if I scared the guys. I would take the law with a grain of salt. After all, in practice, this law probably makes the majority of sex among college students illegal.

Just be careful when you're trying to pull tail down at the bars or at the next party, because once things reach the bedroom (or occasionally the kitchen floor) your legal standings may depend on how bad her hangover is the next morning.



(Lily March/Vermont Cynic)

## ***The Cynic's Disturbing Quote of the Week:***

"Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

- Pope Benedict XVI

# Fear in the wake of Eck

By LUKE BICKNELL

As a freshmen, I live on the third floor of Harris, and I can say that the Eck incident has had definite repercussions on the Campus.

The first year of college is a transition period, almost everything is different. Some changes are good, and some are bad.

The first two weeks of school should be spent on getting your mind adjusted to classes, making friends, having fun. Not being a victim of assault by a naked, drugged up man.

There are so many other things that preoccupy the beginning of the college experience, and it's a shame that this is one of them now.

Since the incident, the conversation that I've been hearing is different. Girls are genuinely afraid of rape and abuse. Numerous times, I've been asked to escort a girl back to her dorm, or walk her back from a party, or stay close by.

There is true fear now. I was speaking with one of my friends, and she said that a man came by her dorm to sell t-shirts. She told me that she was frightened when she saw him. She opened the door thinking it was one of her friends, and then quickly seeing that it wasn't, she was filled with fear.

When I asked her if should have thought twice about that before the incident, she said, "No."

The awareness level is very high throughout this building. People have calmed down, and are able to behave normally. But, this incident has a cloud of uneasiness around it.

People directly involved, when questioned, reply that they simply don't want to think or talk about it. It was a traumatic experience and it never should have happened.

When asking around my floor about how that makes people feel, one comment was, "If I had gotten back from the concert just twenty minutes before I did, I would have been in my room, with my door open, all alone. I keep thinking about it and it scares me so much... I don't ever leave my door open like that any more."

Policy has tightened things around campus this year. The dry residential halls have been all the talk this year.

It's interesting that so much has been done to keep us "safe" in that manner, but then a naked man can run around the fourth floor, assaulting people. It doesn't make sense to me, and I don't think it makes sense to anyone else either.

# UVM alum wants your vote for a healthy environment

**Rachel Westin is running for the House of Reps. and she is looking to clean up healthcare**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK

It is hard in today's political atmosphere to find a political candidate so grounded in their morals and values, and when you find that candidate it is impossible to disagree with their plans.

Being as we live in Vermont, a progressive's paradise, we tend to find that a little more often. It is my duty, however, to alert the University of Vermont community, whether you vote in this state or not, to one of the brightest young stars to walk onto the political stage.

Her name is Rachel Westin, she is running for the State House of Representatives, and she is a recent recipient of a master's degree in public administration from our fair halls.

Rachel is joining the political scene to, as she says, "offer a fresh perspective."

This is a mantra that is

often heard throughout politics from candidates that are trying to gain ground amongst their constituency; however it is rarely often backed up. Mostly because one 45 year old male lawyer generally has the same opinion as the next one entering politics. That being said, Rachel is different and, her passions are certainly different. She is a bright young woman, who spent time as a public school music teacher.

***Weston urges students at this school to disseminate their knowledge into the community***

Where she stands on the issues also has a breath of fresh air. Her main focus is the environment. We, as students, are now part of a community that has set its sights on becoming a player in the forum of environmentally profound schools. Rachel is the candidate to represent us. She wants clean energy, livable wages, and affordable

healthcare for all.

Healthcare is a powerful issue in all neighborhoods, and Rachel understands many aspects of the healthcare industry growing up with a nurse for a mother. For our society to move forward she says, "We need good healthcare for all."

One may wonder how we at the University can aid Rachel's cause. Well, voting for her would be a good first step. Weston also urges the students at this school to disseminate their knowledge into the community.

We must take the valuable knowledge that we acquire through our wonderful opportunities for education at this environmentally astute school and spread it throughout the community, through activism and volunteering.

It is important for our voices to be heard throughout all halls of legislative bodies, and to have our issues be represented.

Sending Rachel Weston to Montpelier is one of the best ways to ensure that. She is a true representation of the youth's voice and concern, and after November will take our voice to Montpelier.



# Smokers face discrimination

**Cigarette smokers are unfairly bombarded with constant criticism about their so-called gross habit**

By JUSTIN WAAG

I stood this past evening outside of my dormitory at University Heights North 2. I was overjoyed, I had just finished my homework and it was nearly 11p.m. I had run downstairs to meet a friend of mine from Harris. I stood beneath the overhang just outside the door.

I stopped, pulled my pack of Camel Filters from my pocket, sparked it and handed the pack to my friend. He promptly did the same and we stood for 5-10 minutes beneath the overhang, watching the pouring rain slide past, shooting the breeze, as our cigarettes slowly burned down.

Behind us we heard the door click and slide open. Surprised, we turned to see who this could be.

"Would you mind moving at least 20 feet from the building to smoke those?" The small RA asked. I looked at him with a smirk, he must be kidding...right?

"It's pouring rain," I said to him.

"It's policy..." he replied.

He waited until we moved out, strolling toward Harris, in the sideways rain. We turned around in time to see him disappear inside the South Complex.

I full well understand the 20 foot policy; but for God's sake! We weren't bothering anyone, no one but our fellow smokers would be outside in such a maelstrom anyways. On top of it all, I was leaning against a cigarette butt container that was located...where

else?

Beneath the overhang!

Can I get some compassion?

As I reflect now on the situation, it's no different than life has always been. Since I first began smoking cigarettes I have always faced innumerable amounts of...perhaps not prejudice, but something of the sort. My friends constantly barrage me with advice.

"It's a gross habit."

"It's expensive."

***My choice to smoke is no different than say, whether or not to drink alcohol***

"It causes cancer."

All smokers fully understand the consequences of their actions. For Christ's sake it's printed right on the side of every single pack we've smoked in our lives! Since childhood we have had the negative effects of smoking drilled into our growing brains. It's is merely a choice we make.

Why is it then, that the rest of society looks down upon cigarette smokers? What about cigarettes makes us any less legitimate?

My choice to smoke is no different than someone else's choice of say...whether or not to drink alcohol. Why is it socially acceptable for a friend to sit outside with me, smoke a marijuana cigarette, and look down on me condescendingly as I light up a Camel.

At least cigarettes are legal...right?

I just wanted to share the other side of the story because I see many opinions in comics that were printed in *The Cynic* that poke fun at smokers.

# Howland's radical politics based on flawed assumptions

**Blaming one group only polarizes sides, hurting peace chances**

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHIEDER & SARAH GLASSMAN

We believe that Mary Howland's views are polarized and incorrect on several levels.

Howland's first assumption, is that Israel is entirely to blame for the current Lebanese conflict, and that the Israeli citizens have not suffered in much the same way the Lebanese have.

Currently there are 500,000 displaced Israeli citizens, 50 percent of the population. These citizens are living in bomb shelters due to the rockets launched by Hezbollah, vis-à-vis Iran.

About 3,699 rockets have been fired into the country, and unlike the Israeli rockets, their primary target is not supply roads and terrorist bases but highly populated Israeli cities such as Haifa.

Howland talks of the destruction to the Lebanese infrastructure. About 70 percent of businesses have closed in northern Israel. They are just as scared and frightened as the people in Lebanon. They all have family in the Israeli military that they may never see

again.

Another inference that Howland makes is that Hezbollah is inherently tied into the separate Lebanese government.

Though Hezbollah holds fourteen seats of the 128-member Lebanese parliament, they are far away from democratically controlling the country.

Howland defines Hezbollah as a group that unifies through nationalistic ideals. Hezbollah is primarily an umbrella of radical fundamentalist Shiite groups, all who believe violence is necessary collateral to achieve their mission.

The idea that Hezbollah nationalistically unifies the people of the Middle East is absurd, considering that there have been factional disputes between Sunni and Shiite Muslims for generations. Even though Hamas currently applauds Hezbollah, in the past they have wanted nothing to do with Hezbollah.

Howland also makes the statement that, "Israel made a conscious decision in targeting Hezbollah," which we view as incorrect. The facts are that on July 12, under leadership of Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah broke their border agreement and captured two Israeli soldiers. Hezbollah consciously targeted Israel. If it wasn't the Israeli soldiers, it would have

been something else.

The biggest issue that we have with Howland's article is not that she supports freedom for Lebanon, but that she polarizes the issue in such a way that peace is made impossible.

Howland talks of scapegoating, yet she denies the complexity of the Lebanese/Israeli relationship, and simply blames Israel.

Indeed both sides have suffered much: the Lebanese people under a war in which they did not ask for, which was not initiated under democratically elected officials, and the Israelis people under a system of terror, which continues to target them.

Every Israeli knows someone who has been affected by the conflict, and every Lebanese citizen knows someone victimized by the Israeli Defense Forces. Both sides are controlled by a conflict that has seemingly survived since Abraham and Mohamed.

The more we polarize issues and explain away the atrocities of our side, the more we fall away from the message of those great religious leaders.

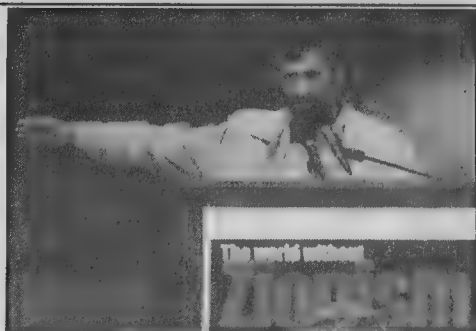
As the great peacemaker Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin once said, "We must think differently, look at things in a different way. Peace requires a world of new concepts, new definitions."



Scene of a suicide bombers attack in Israel (members.tripod.com)

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Iranian President Ahmadinejad calls for the end of the Israeli state (danielpipes.org)

# Search for civil rights

**Ian Collins' story reveals the inherent flaws with the University's new Search For Cause policy**

By CASSIDY ANN GALE

After moving in on the weekend before a whole new array of life was embarked upon, Ian Collins, I suspect, would be ready to relax. Relax he did - off to Staples he went for notebooks, folders, and general school supplies stamped at a lower price than the University has to offer us.

Upon return, he finds the law enforcement officials at the door (an on-campus student's only means of privacy) lingering, loitering, and anticipating an easy entrance to his room.

If you read the previous article in *The Cynic* considering Ian

Collins (which is worth a sit-down session) you'd come to understand his situational reasons for filing a lawsuit against the University, more specifically concerning issues that relate to the new Search for a Cause (guilty until proven innocent?) policy.

This opposes the previous entrance fee, allowing access into our rooms, under simple, certain suspicion.

The new code of conduct rivals the ludicrousness of illegalizing hookahs in the dorm room and prohibition of blown glass, a local phenomenon in Burlington.

The righteous outcome of an agreement was made between the two parties, resulting in the continuance of Ian's education - paying for (all sarcasm aside) a most awe inspiring, rewarding, and gratuitous institution.

Collins began the year with a most 'dreadful' exploitation. However, this situation brings light to an ever present "opposition" which is too often innate in the relationship between law and public opinion. It offered the stu-

dent body a much needed exposure to what our rights are, and what they should be, here at the University of Vermont.

***This situation brings to light an ever present 'opposition' which is too often innate in the relationship between law and public opinion***

It's our own panic that swallows us. We grant entrance to occurrences through oblivious fear that would otherwise never be tolerable.

Back in the days of parental domain, would we be so grossly panic stricken when opening the door for a guardian who provides the room? No. So why is it that we've harbored no control in the room we pay to rent for nine months?

I wonder if, ultimately, we pay for the employment of the police and in return receive their respectable duty, their (perhaps) required quota of community members strapped.

And so, if it is our fees that pay for the police, that would, in essence, link us as an asset to the economic chain that is Burlington.

In the case of Mr. Ian Collins, his self respect and self-educated constitutional rights reopened the door to his deserved education. Just as it's the authorities' obligation to enforce safety precautions, it's our own accountability to know what is acceptable.

This new knowledge can release both relief and regret. Relief for those ready to deny admission to that daunting knock, and regret for those whom it's too late.

As triviality enlightens, our constitutional rights will be what saves us. But how much help can they be if you're not willing to know what strengths they hold?

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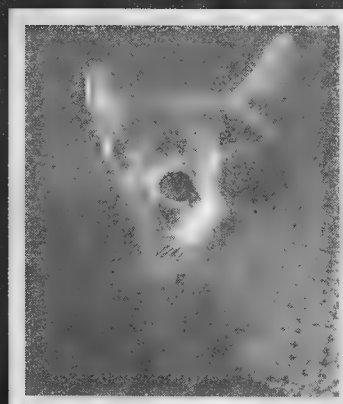
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# College Gourmet

## Un-Chicken Salad

-14-ounce package extra-firm tofu, pressed (see instructions below) and torn into small, bite-sized pieces

-2 stalks celery, diced

-1 cup diced onion

-1 cup green or red bell peppers

-1 cup vegan mayonnaise (such as Veganaise or Nayonaise)

-1 teaspoon onion salt

-1 teaspoon paprika

-1 teaspoon pepper

-1 teaspoon chopped parsley (dried or fresh)

To press the tofu, unwrap and shake off any excess moisture. Place the tofu in a freezer bag or wrap well in plastic. Freeze the sealed tofu for at least 24 hours.

Once frozen, thaw the tofu by placing it—unwrapped—into a microwave-safe bowl. Cover the bowl and microwave on high, checking every 2 to 3 minutes to make sure the tofu doesn't cook. Once thoroughly defrosted, gently squeeze out any excess moisture.

Put the pressed, bite-sized tofu in a bowl and mix well with the remaining ingredients. Add additional spices, as desired. Serve in a sandwich, with crackers, or topping a green salad.

If you don't use a microwave, frozen tofu can be thawed by putting it in a pan of boiling water for 2 to 4 minutes. Alternatively, transfer the frozen tofu from the freezer to the refrigerator for 4 hours or overnight.

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## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Sheet-stealing spells disaster for local Couple

At 2:15 am on Friday Sept. 22, Charles Robinson succeeded in gaining total control of the top sheet of his bed while sleeping beside his girlfriend, Sarah Mitchell.

In what seemed to be a routine, late-night roll-over, Mr. Robinson took the portion of the sheet that had previously been resting on Ms. Mitchell and left her only with her rightful half of the brown duvet.

"This is not the first time that this has happened," lamented Ms. Mitchell who has complained of cold feet and lack of significant REM sleep due to the incident.

"Once or twice, now that I can understand," she continued. "But after that, it's just a bit cruel."

Ms. Mitchell says that she will likely press charges against Mr. Robinson, which could result in his dual loss of input into dinner decisions and the use of TiVO to record episodes of Ultimate Fighter.

Mr. Robinson denied all wrong doing during a vocal altercation with Ms. Mitchell the following morning.

"Her accusation was ridiculous and attention-seeking," Mr. Robinson said.

While he declined to comment on other specifics of the case, Mr. Robinson has been seen shopping at the supermarket and washing the porch windows.

Even though he has publicly proclaimed his innocence, he has agreed to buy another top sheet in a little-publicized settlement deal with Ms. Mitchell.

Sheet-stealing has been on the rise in recent months among young and semi-mature couples.

Dr. Alex Feinstein of the Harvard Medical School attributes this problem to a lack of precedent. "Couples rarely talk about sheet allocation or fair-use policies these days," he said.

The rise of these types of incidents has led to numerous cranky morning fights, persistent passive aggressive behavior and, in extreme cases, prolonged nagging about totally unrelated issues.

# Feminist response to "Get laid"

By EMILY FRANZ  
(Feminist Group)  
and  
PHIL ORTEGA  
(Men Advocating Change)

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 13, feminists, of both genders, from Feminist Leader's and Men Advocating Change met to discuss Ms. Frank's article in the Cynic entitled "Get Laid."

The article presented us with a wonderful opportunity to explore conceptions of female and male sexuality in a campus environment, and how alcohol and other factors affect sexual relationships.

Accompanying the article was a cartoon. The cartoon clearly made light of predatory fraternity behavior, absolutely dehumanizing women and the Greek system.

The cartoon represents women as animals, a common practice in our culture (the word "chick," anyone? Ninth para-

graph), presenting them as prey to the ever-present hunter.

Although the cartoon was offensive, most of the members in the discussion agreed that it had very little to do with the messages presented in the article.

***The article [says] that awkward hook-ups are not only positive, but sexually empower women***

Alcohol is the number one date-rape drug in America, and in the state of Vermont it is illegal to have sex under the influence of alcohol, because inebriation denies the possibility of consent.

The article begins, "Fortunately, it only takes about three minutes and a foamy cup of PRB to realize that everyone is as horny as you."

This presents the premise of the article that awkward hook-ups are not only positive, but sexually empower women. Such encounters as these described in the article are illegal.

Under the circumstances Ms. Frank has laid out for us, participants face the risk of becoming a victim to sexual violence. All of this, taking place on a campus that saw an astronomical increase in sexual violence in the last year.

Ms. Frank sets forth to disprove a stereotype that women do not actually want or enjoy, sex. Very few of the participants in the meeting felt that this stereotype actually exists and/or harms women.

Ms. Frank's statement, "Chicks have sexual cravings, too," implores men to realize "that women like sex too." If, indeed, any of her female (as opposed to the chick) readers doubt this assertion, Ms. Frank then challenges them to "[buy] a

vibrator, or [try] things out manually."

Any woman who might disagree, or feel uncomfortable, with Ms. Frank's advocacy, on her behalf, is encouraged to masturbate, because she simply does not know her body.

Understandably, many participants in the discussion were offended by this representation of female sexuality.

The article concludes with the assurance that, "All in all, it is completely worth it because you can learn what you really want and what will make you happy."

Unfortunately, "it" is in reference to the ideas set forth in the rest of the article. Participants in the meeting had doubts as to the probable success of someone experimenting in the way Ms. Frank suggests.

Indeed, it is highly likely that such experimentations could lead to dangerous situations.

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ABROAD NIGHT**  
5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.  
Waterman Memorial  
Lounge 338

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6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
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Opportunities overseas as  
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**THE UNDERPANTS**  
7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.  
Royal Tyler Theater  
Adaptation of 1910  
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Admission: \$7- \$17

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7:30p.m.- 10:00p.m.  
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Lounge 338  
Lecture by Prof. Mark  
VonHagen, Chair of  
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University, "A  
Comparative Study of  
Russian and German-  
Austrian occupation of  
the Eastern Front of the  
Ukraine during WWI"

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4:30p.m.- 7:00p.m.  
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# Figure skaters need help

## Despite lack of funding from the University, three skaters compete in Providence

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Three UVM figure skaters are set to compete in a prestigious event at the end of the month despite the perceived lack of support from the University.

"We don't want to trash UVM," said senior Heather Truax. "But funding is an issue."

Truax will be joining senior Ashley Foell and junior Ashley Lambert at the 38th annual Providence Open, hosted by the Providence, RI Figure Skating Club on Sept. 24. The trio will compete in individual events but will also represent the UVM Figure Skating Club as a team for the first competition of the Vermont Figure Skating season.

According to Truax, the club's funds go to help the skaters with competition fees and hotels, without any of the budget left over to pay for coaching.

"We want coaches of our own," Truax said. "Then the beginning skaters can get professional input as well as help from the older, more experienced skaters."

"An official club coach would also help the skaters who skate competitively find relief from the financial burden of individual training."

Despite the perceived difficulties with training time and funding at UVM, the team has managed to find local rinks, such as the one used by the Champlain Valley Skating Club and the Leddy Park Arena, to practice and prepare for the upcoming competition, Truax said.

The girls will each be performing an individual program, which, according to the club is a traditional short program that varies from two to three minutes in length depending on skill level.

Together, Foell, Truax, and Lambert will be performing a team maneuver.

Relatively unknown outside the skating community, team events require each member of a three to six person team to perform any of six maneuvers as the judges call them out, Truax said.

All the teams are on the ice at this time and one by one, teams come out to the middle of the ice to carry out the tasks.

It is uncommon in figure skating for skaters to compete as anything but individuals but the team maneuvers allow for them to be scored as a unit, Truax said. "It's such a solitary sport," she said. "It's nice to be unified as a team for a change."

UVM is bidding to host a competition of its own sometime in March at Gutterson Fieldhouse. A weekend has been set aside for such an event and the University is waiting for confirmation, clubs and instructional recreation coordinator, Jull Moffitt said.

"UVM hosting an event

would be huge for us as a club," Truax said. "Hosting a competition like this would really establish our credibility."

The club, made up of first time as well as veteran competing skaters, is allotted ice time to practice two mornings a week, Truax said.

"That's not enough for us," she said. "Plus the open-rec skating time, which is when a lot of us practiced, was cut down this year or outright cancelled for more stick and puck time."

Open skate was scaled back this year to make room for the increasing number of students who participate hockey programs at the University, Moffitt said.

The UVM Figure Skating Club has doubled in size this fall and is open to all incoming and current students Truax said. The

club encourages and supports the growth of skating at all levels of ability, from beginner to national competitors.

The University also provides a figure skating class where local coaches come and teach students the fundamentals of skating and competing, which some members of the club use as additional practice, Truax said.

When asked about the anticipated results in this competition as well as the season Truax said, "We've been training, are prepared and will be happy no matter what place we get."

"We skate not for the spotlight or the drama with money and time, but because we're excited to be out on the ice, which is why we're going to excel no matter what."



Ashley Foell performs a maneuver during practice at Gutterson. (Heather Truax)

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Thursday (Sept. 28)

Women's Soccer @ Albany 4pm

Friday (Sept. 29)

Women's Hockey @ Clarkson 7pm

Saturday (Sept. 30)

Cross Country @ Murray Keating Invitational 10am

Cross Country @ Vermont State Meet 11am

Field Hockey @ UMBC 12pm

Softball vs. St. Mikes (2) 12pm

Men's Soccer @ UMBC 12pm

Women's Hockey @ Clarkson 2pm

Men's Hockey @ Catamount Face-Off 2pm

Sunday (Oct. 1)

Women's Soccer vs. Boston U 1pm

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Tuesday (Sept. 19)

Men's Soccer: L - Harvard 2, UVM 1 (OT)

Wednesday (Sept. 20)

Women's Soccer: L - Dartmouth 2, UVM 0

Friday (Sept. 22)

Women's Soccer: W - UVM 1, UMass 0 (2OT)

Saturday (Sept. 23)

Men's Soccer: W - UVM 2, UNH 1 (2OT)

Field Hockey: L - Louisville 6, UVM 2

Sunday (Sept. 24)

Women's Soccer: W - UVM 3, Binghamton 0

Field Hockey: W - UVM 3, Syracuse 2

### TEAM RECORDS (thru Sept. 24)

Men's Soccer

4-4-2, 1-0-0 America East

Women's Soccer

3-5-1, 1-0-0 America East

Field Hockey

5-4, 0-0 America East

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Atlanta	75	80	6.5
Arizona	73	81	8
AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	GB
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# Week four predictions

By **DAKOTA RUBIN**  
Sports Editor

## Game of the Week

**Seattle at Chicago** – The Sunday night game this week pits arguably the two best teams in the NFC against each other. In the past the Bears were known for their stifling defense and sputtering offense but this season the offense has showed up as well.

The Seahawks, on the other hand, always had a powerful offense backed up by strong defense play. But this season the offense and star RB Shaun Alexander have not been able to get things going.

This hard fought battle will go to the Bears who are playing better in all facets of the game. Final 23-17 Chicago.

## Best of the Rest

**Indianapolis at NY Jets** – The Jets will have a hard time stopping Colt's QB Peyton Manning and WR Marvin Harrison the way they have been playing this season. Indy should be able to come out with an easy victory. Final 27-16 Indianapolis.

**New Orleans at Carolina** – The Panthers have significantly underperformed this season with star wide receiver Steve Smith sidelined. The Saints on the other hand have thrived behind new QB Drew Brees, but with Smith returning to the lineup the Panthers will win. Final 24-20 Carolina.

**Minnesota at Buffalo** – The Vikings have been very solid this season. Playing very good offense and lock down defense. The Bills have been impressive thus far but don't have the offense to stay with Minnesota. Final 24-13 Minnesota.

**Arizona at Atlanta** – The

Falcons have had an incredible running game this season. Between RB Warrick Dunn and QB Michael Vick, Atlanta has been unstoppable on the ground and will run over the Cardinals. Final 32-20 Atlanta.

**San Diego at Baltimore** – This could be one of the best games of the season. Thus far the Chargers have been dynamic on offense but there are coming up against arguably the best defense in the league in Baltimore. Defense always wins out over offense and the Ravens will win this one. Final 17-10 Baltimore.

**Miami at Houston** – Miami has not lived up to the hype this season. With new quarterback Daunte Culpepper they were supposed to go deep in the playoffs. In this game they will run into a Houston team that has turned it around this season. Final 24-21 Houston.

**Dallas at Tennessee** – The Titans are doing some soul searching as they cycle through quarterbacks. Dallas on the other hand is looking to grab hold of the wide open NFC East and will come out hungry and with something to prove. Final 30-17 Dallas.

**Detroit at St. Louis** – The Lions have a lot to prove in this game. Thus far this season they have done a lot of talking and no delivering. Against the inconsistent Rams they need to prove they are for real. Final 20-13 Detroit.

**Jacksonville at Washington** – The Jaguars defense has been unreal this season. After playing against the Steelers and Colts, Jacksonville should not have a problems with the floundering Redskins. Final 17-9 Jacksonville.

**Cleveland at Oakland** – These two teams have been having a lot of problems this season. The Browns will be able to go into Oakland and get the win for

coach Romeo Crennel. Final 17-14 Cleveland.

**New England at Cincinnati** – The Pats have looked suspect all season and there is nothing like a trip to Cincinnati to expose your weaknesses. With QB Carson Palmer back to full strength, the Bengals will be hard to beat. Final 32-20 Cincinnati.

**Green Bay at Philadelphia** – The Eagles should have no problem against the struggling Packers. Monday night has a tendency to bring out the best in Brett Favre but he will not be able to beat Philadelphia on his own. Final 24-17 Philadelphia.

## Upset Special

**San Francisco at Kansas City** – Chiefs RB Larry Johnson has not performed like he was expected to this season and neither has KC. The 49ers have had an up and down season on the back of young QB Alex Smith. This week will be a big one for San Fran as they take advantage of the Chiefs' soft defense. Final 27-21 San Francisco.


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# Men's Soccer

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In the first overtime neither team was able to break through for the game winner. Then in with 7:40 left in the second overtime UVM struck.


Freshman TJ Gore, who was recently named America East's Rookie of the Week, drove down the right side of the field and crossed the ball into the box to junior Tyler Hasman who blew the ball by the goalkeeper from 15 yards out. Hasman's fourth goal of the year gave the Catamounts a 2-1 win and sent the fans home happy after a thrilling and hard fought match.

"I was in the right place at the right time, TJ did all the work and sent a good ball in. I was able to put the ball where I wanted to," Hasman said. "It is good to start out [conference play] with a win."


The win lifts Vermont to 4-4-2 (1-0-0) on the season, while New Hampshire falls to 5-3-2 (0-1-0) on the year. The Catamounts return to action Wednesday Sep. 27 at Centennial Field when they take on America East Conference foe Stony Brook at 4:00 p.m.



A Catamount player crashes into the UNH goalkeeper during Saturday game.  
(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)



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# Vermont falls to Big Green

## Two goals by sub-bury Catamounts

By NICK DECARO

The University of Vermont's women's soccer team fell to the Dartmouth Big Green 2-0 in the first game of a three game homestand at Centennial Field on an overcast Wednesday afternoon.

The Catamounts and Big Green both played solid defense at the start of the first half, making it tough for either offense to muster much of an attack.

Vermont had an opportunity midway through the first half when a corner kick nearly found the back of the net, but through the herd of players Dartmouth goalkeeper Amanda Webb was able to knock the ball away at the last second.

That would be the best chance the Catamounts got. Dartmouth outshot the Cats 24-4 in the contest, and Vermont's defense was put under immense pressure with the ball being in their half of the field for much of the match.

UVM freshman goalkeeper Eliza Bradley played strong in net for the Catamounts. Even though she was under a barrage of shots, she was able to make 8 saves to keep Vermont in the game. Her biggest save came on a Dartmouth breakaway when she came all the way out to the edge of the box to deflect the ball away from the net and keep the match scoreless.

Dartmouth finally broke through off a free kick in the 39th minute when substitute Sarah Johnson beat Bradley to the near post, giving the Big Green a 1-0 lead.

Vermont had another chance late in the first half on a corner kick that sailed in front of the net and was nearly knocked in, which would have evened the score heading into the half.

"We need to find that extra get up and go, and let the game unfold in front of us. We are putting too much pressure on ourselves," UVM coach Kerry Dziczkaniec said after the game.

Much of the second half was spent in UVM territory, and a foul in the box awarded Dartmouth a penalty kick at the in the 53rd minute. Johnson once again found the back of the net, pushing the Big Green out to a 2-0 advantage.

The defense which had played quiet well in the first half wore down as the game went on, and the offense, led by senior Cassandra VanLeeuwen, had trouble breaking through the Big Green defense. When they did manage to find a hole they could not get the last touch through to overcome the two goal deficit.

"We need to finish our chances, and step up our play a notch. We are getting close to half way through the season," Dziczkaniec said. "[We] are getting some players back from injury which will add depth to the lineup."

With the loss Vermont drops to 1-5-1 on the season, while the win lifts Dartmouth to 4-3-0 on the year.



Vermont freshman defender Nick Mead fights for the ball during the Cats' 2-1 victory in double overtime against UNH. (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

# Cats win in double OT

## Hasman's golden goal lifts UVM to 1st conference win

By NICK DECARO

On a blustery Saturday afternoon, the Vermont Catamounts opened up America East play with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over The University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

"The first league match is always a dogfight, especially when we face UNH they are very physical and play with heart and determination," coach Jesse Cormier said. And a dogfight it was.

Slick conditions and swirling winds presenting problems for both teams in the opening minutes. It was tough to get shots off and the players easily lost their footing.

A few good chances presented themselves for both teams in the first half, and UNH was able to strike first. Miscommunication between junior goalkeeper Roger Scully and his back line allowed the Wildcats' Chris Banks

to slip through and put the ball in the net with 7:24 left in the first half to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

Vermont had one more good scoring chance with 2 seconds left in the first half, but senior co-captain Corey Bronner's free kick sailed just above the bar to send the match to halftime. It was a very physical and evenly played first half; just the one mistake gave the advantage to New Hampshire.



### Next Home Game

Wednesday Sept. 27  
vs. Stony Brook  
@ 4:00 p.m.

A red card in the 58th minute on UNH's Pedro Bras, gave the Catamounts a man advantage for the remainder of the game, and swung the momentum Vermont's way.

In the second half with the man advantage the Catamounts poured on the pressure. Solid play in the midfield from co-captain junior Panos Georgiadis, freshman Nick Mead, and outstanding defense from sophomores

Connor Tobin and Jake McFadden allowed UVM to keep the ball in the UNH zone much of the second half.

Vermont had opportunities on a couple corner kicks that were nearly headed into the net, but UNH held strong. Then in the 73rd minute sophomore Jordan Crasilneck made a nice move to beat his man into the box and was fouled, drawing a penalty kick.

Crasilneck beat UNH goalie Brian Levey to the right corner of the goal tying the game 1-1. The goal is Jordan's fourth of the season. He had a chance to win the game with just 6:58 to play, but his attempt from just outside the box drifted inches over the bar and the game headed to overtime tied at one.

"Give credit to the guys to work their way back into the game and push it into overtime," coach Cormier said. "They were able to create things and battle back from down a goal."

In collegiate overtime, unlike the international game, there are two 10 minute overtimes, with golden goal rules, meaning the first team to score wins.

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## ~ Women's Soccer ~

The Vermont Women's Soccer team got their first win over the UMass Minutewomen in Burlington since 1989, 1-0 in double overtime on Friday afternoon.

The teams played even for the first 100 minutes of the game. But in the 105th minute freshman Margii Driscoll ended the game with her first career goal for the Cats.

The play started when senior Cassandra VanLeeuwen controlled the ball in the midfield and fed the ball up to sophomore Kaitlin Francis who one-timed a pass to Driscoll who snuck behind the defense and buried the ball in the left corner of the net for the game-winner.

Freshman goalkeeper Eliza Bradley got

her first career shutout while making four saves on the game.

The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Cats.

On Sunday Vermont continued their winning ways when they opened the America East season with a convincing win over Binghamton, 3-0.

The Cats got goals from sophomore Lexie Kaknes and freshman Driscoll as well as an own goal scored by Binghamton.

Vermont improved to 3-5-1 on the season and 1-0 in America East, while the loss drops Binghamton to 3-5-2 and 0-1 in the conference.

~STAFF REPORT



The Cats' Erin Pichiotino (2) winds up to shoot during UVM's victory over UMass. (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)



## Minority students harassed

According to University climate survey, bias affects marginalized groups more

By LINDSAY TULLY

The Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity conducted what was supposed to be an extensive University-wide campus climate survey at UVM. Officials worry that the findings are tainted.

Out of the 14,013 UVM community members, including staff, faculty, and students, only 21 percent completed the survey, campus climate survey committee leader Dorothea Brauer said.

The survey results show that only 19 percent of undergraduate students completed the online survey.

"Statistically, the results fail in representing the community as a whole and are unable to draw general conclusion of community attitudes and trends," Brauer said.

"What is useful is how the experiences of the respondents with marginalized identities compared to the respondents with majority identities," Brauer said.

Survey respondents who identified themselves as minorities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, disabled, and/or as non-Christian were up to four times more likely to have personally experienced offensive, hostile, or intimidating conduct, according to the survey.

These marginalized UVM community members were two times as likely to witness or be aware of offensive conduct, according to the survey.

Brauer finds the locations of these incidents highly alarming, saying that 32 percent of 1,085 witnessed incidents of bias occurred at UVM jobs.

46 percent of the 561 reported incidents of bias that were personally experienced also happened while working at a UVM job, according to the survey.

"Are we, the faculty, doing enough to supervise work study students?" Brauer said, consid-

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# 'Mance flooded

Water tank overflowed Jeanne Mance, leaving residents without electricity

STAFF REPORT

The hot water tank in Jeanne Mance blew a gauge early Saturday morning, flooding the basement with over 5,000 gallons of water, cutting electricity and setting off the fire alarm, forcing an evacuation.

After the Burlington water department shut off the water supply to Jeanne Mance, UVM physical plant got a call at 8:18 a.m. Saturday morning and was pumping the eight feet of water from the basement by 9:45 a.m., UVM physical plant said.

"The problem is the power. All electrical components got wet and we can't turn them on until they are dried out," said a physical plant employee.

Without electricity, fire alarms will not work in Jeanne Mance.

"Nothing's cheap," physical plant grounds manager Rosemarie Leland said. "At minimum, we must replace the gauges and the plumbing."

The electrical utilities will most likely not have to be replaced because the water damage was not too severe, utilities supervisor Rick Weld said.

Jeanne Mance electricity will be restored



Below, physical plant employee rigs the generator pump. Right, water from the basement of Jeanne Mance gushing from the pump (C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic)



after the wires dry out, Weld said.

Around 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the fire alarm went off in Jeanne Mance, forcing the residents to leave their rooms.

"It smelled like terrible sewage, especially on the first and second floors," Jeanne Mance resident Dakota Rubin said.

10 rooms were reserved for students at the Sheraton Hotel, a Sheraton receptionist said Saturday. But all reservations were canceled when the decision was made to keep

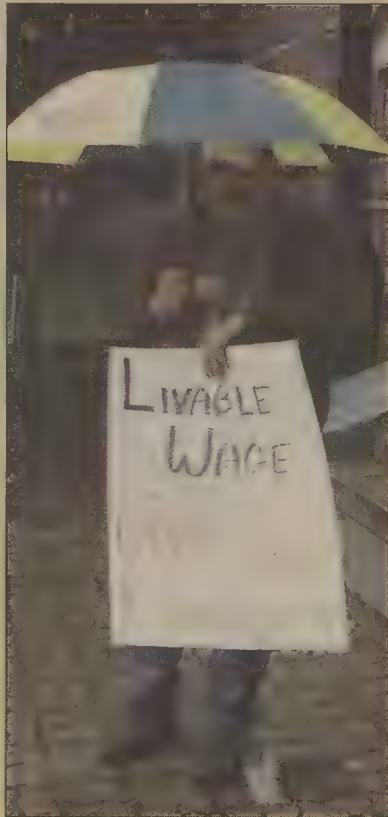
residents in Jeanne Mance despite a lack of hot water.

"Based on estimates, electricity will be restored tonight," director of university communications Enrique Corredra said on Saturday.

Jeanne Mance residents will be shuttled to the Gutterson Gym to shower in the locker rooms until hot water is available, said assistant vice president for student and campus life Annie Stevens.

# Livable wage demanded

By HAZEL RYERSON



RALLY - Alan Finkbeiner, UVM physical plant employee and air conditioning specialist, protests outside Waterman (Hazel Ryerson/Vermont Cynic)

"Hey hey ho ho, poverty wages have got to go!" shouted livable wage advocates as they marched through the halls of the Waterman building Friday afternoon to deliver a letter of demands to President Fogel.

Protestors at the rally included UVM students, faculty, staff and community supporters who stood in Friday's downpour outside of Waterman demanding the implementation of livable wages at the University.

The rally came to an impasse at the locked doors of the president's wing in Waterman. "As we see, our administration is afraid of us," said SGA Senator, task force member and co-coordinator of SLAP Sam Maron.

Kat Nopper, a co-coordinator of SLAP, slipped a damp letter of demands under the office door.

The demonstration marked the formal completion of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force's rec-

ommendations for the application of a livable wage at the University. Maron described the rally as a "celebration of the task force and their recommendation."

"There are no more excuses, now we are asking the administration to act on it and implement something," Maron said.

The task force was set up by Fogel last April in response to pressure from the UVM community to implement a livable wage policy for all university employees.

The task force is made up of 19 members from various parts of the University: faculty, staff, administrators, and students.

"It is an excellent report," said economics professor Ross Thomsom, who served on the task force as a member of United Academics.

"It argues that the University needs to have a livable wage policy and defines livable wage in a good way," Thomsom said.

SGA President Seth Bowden, who also served on the task force, agreed. "I hope per-

sonally, and on the behalf of the SGA, that this policy is acted on," Bowden said.

It is unclear what the time frame is for the implementation of a University-wide livable wage.

**"There are no more excuses, now we are asking the administration to act on [recommendations] and implement something"**

-Sam Maron

co-coordinator of SLAP

Fogel, who had not yet read the report as of Sept. 28, said that he needs "time to read the report and think thoroughly."

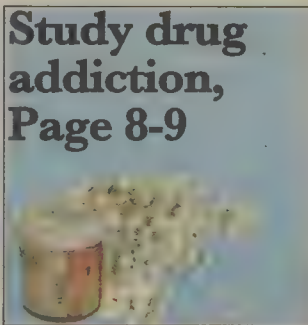
According to a president's office source, Fogel is set to meet with the task force in late November.

Information gathered at different public forums has been added as an attachment to the

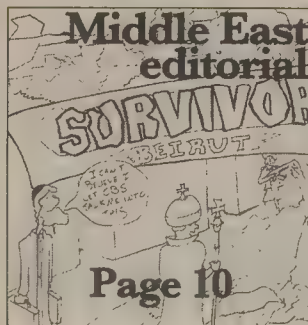
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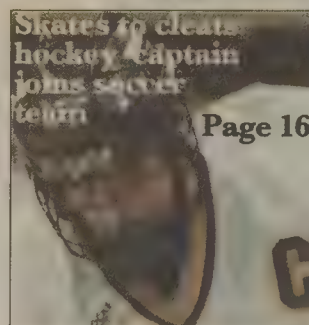
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# Wage protest

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report.

Fogel said he and his advisers "will take all of that input and respond empathetically and responsibly."

Jane Knodell, associate professor of economics and chair of the task force, cited the ongoing United Electrical (UE) contract negotiations as the issue that must be resolved before Fogel can respond to the task force recommendations.

Knodell said that implementing a University wide livable wage policy before UE finishes negotiating a new contract "would be unfair labor practice."

However, Carmyn Stanko, the president of 267 UE local, disagreed about UE negotiations being the hold up. "That's what the line from the president's office is... they could put everything into place except a specific dollar figure now."

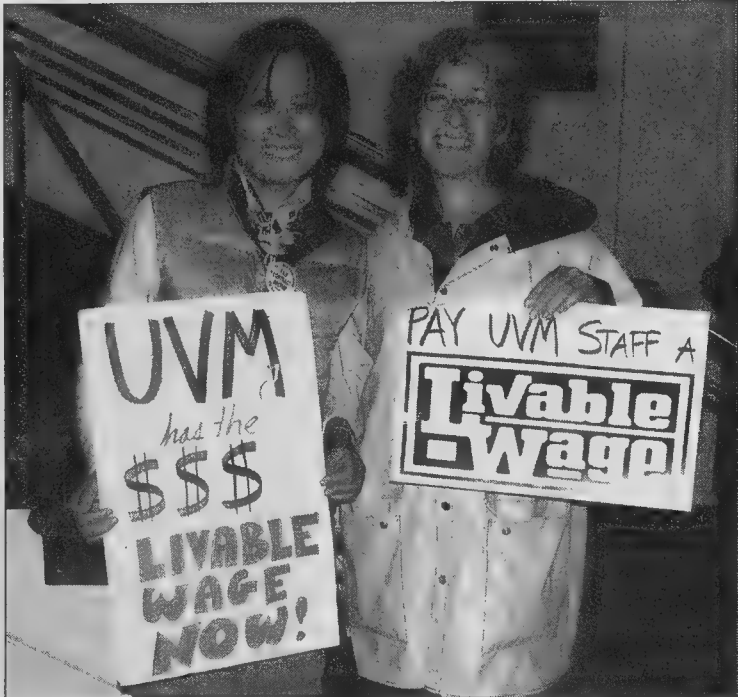
UE started negotiations for a new contract with the University in March and have not reached an agreement.

UE members have been working without a contract since July, when the old contract expired.

"We would like to see our contract settled now... to see that all our members are making livable wage and that all our members receive a good across the board raise that allows for inflation and to put some money in the bank," Stanko said.

Of the 256 workers at the University who receive a wage below the livable wage, 181 are represented by the UE, two by the Teamsters and 73 are not unionized, according to the report.

SLAP hopes to hear a response from Fogel by Nov. 3, when there will be another rally



Shouyan Gardiner, a UVM employee and Ellen David Friedma at the rally (Hazel Ryerson / Vermont Cynic)

on the steps of Waterman, according to Maron.

"It has been almost a year to the day since the livable wage campaign was kicked off, and there has been nothing but delay, delay, delay," Maron said.

The question remains of where the money to pay for the increase in wages will come from.

"The task force was not asked to make recommendations about where the money to pay for a livable wage should come from," Knodell said.

"There are a fair number of options," Knodell said. "My personal view is that it should be spread broadly and according to ability to pay across the entire community."

The report estimates the cost of implementing a livable wage policy at about \$1 million.

"This is not a huge amount

of money we are talking about," Thomson said, putting it in the context of the \$240 million University budget.

SLAP has a more specific idea of where they would like to see the money come from. "What we would like to see, is the people in the highest bracket, mostly administrative, to take a little bit of a cut," Maron said.

Maron estimated that student tuition could take a \$50 per person increase to help share the cost of livable wages.

Although SLAP applauds the work of the task force, Maron pointed out that "the recommendation only applies to directly employed workers. By excluding contracted workers we believe it does not go far enough," Maron said, referring mainly to Sodexo employees who would not be included in livable wage policy.

# Minorities

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ering the implications of data observed in the survey.

31 percent of witnessed bias, or that UVM was made aware of, occurred in classrooms. 25 percent of the incidents of bias personally experienced occurred in classrooms, stated the survey.

The faculty made up 26 percent of the bias behavior that was witnessed or made aware of. Faculty also accounted for 35 percent of the sources of bias behavior that was personally experienced, according to the survey.

"19 to 20-year-olds starting out in college, with peer pressure, are more understandable as bias aggressors. But faculty, paid by the school to uphold a model, is unnerving. They are supposed to be agents of the institution," Brauer said.

33 out of the 147 respondents that reported being touched in a sexual manner, creating feelings of fear and discomfort, more frequently were UVM employees, Brauer said.

"The common myth that sexual harassment on college campuses only occurs with young freshman girls at frat parties is simply not true. It is happening in classrooms, in offices," Brauer said.

"Bias exists on the UVM campus, enough - more than we want - and marginalized groups are receiving more than their fair share of it," Brauer said.

Over the next several months, various campus groups, offices and committees, including the board of trustees, will review the 100 page report and offer recommendations to address the issues raised, former acting President John Bramley said.

Critiques of the survey, including its use of a non-random sample,

have already come to the committee's attention, Brauer said.

Another critique she emphasized was that some minority groups were not examined at all. In particular, class divisions were not examined.

Brauer pointed to the lack of funding for the survey as a problem, saying that some data has not been analyzed because the project ran out of money.

## UVM faculty made up 26 percent of the sources of bias behavior

The lack of funding given to promote the survey can also be a reason for the lack of student participation, Brauer said.

The 2006 Campus Diversity Climate Survey is available in the library and can be accessed online at [www.uvm.edu/~aaeo/campusclimatesurvey/](http://www.uvm.edu/~aaeo/campusclimatesurvey/)

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## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

### Corrections from Issue 6, Sept. 26:

-On page two, in the first paragraph of the article "Wage struggle continues," there was a mistake. According to the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation task force report, 256 out of the total number of workers at the University earn less than "basic budget needs."

-In the eighteenth paragraph of the same article, a clarification of Jane Knodell's opinion is necessary. Knodell did not say that the money should come entirely from tuition, but rather that it should come from a combination of different sources.

-In the tenth paragraph of the article "Student in coma," Mike Milmo's name

was misspelled.

-Also, it has been released this week that Mike Milmo is not in a coma, but is rather in a "vegetative state", according to the carepage Web site.

-It has also been released that Milmo's heart was not attacked by a virus, according to the Web site. The true cause of his malady has not yet been released.

-On page nine, the byline for the article "This is no frat party" was incorrect. The author's name is John Landry.

## Sudan divestment plan devised

### UVM board of trustees develops plan to divest from Sudan

By HALLEY SNELLING

For the past three years genocide has ravaged the African region of Darfur: 90 percent of villages have been looted or destroyed, 2.5 million people displaced, and over 400,000 civilians killed, according to the 2006 Sudan Divestment Task Force Report.

Students Taking Action Now Darfur approached the University's newly formed Committee on Socially Responsible Investing on Apr. 19, 2006 to discuss divestment from companies in Sudan that are supporting the Sudanese government.

The mass slaughter of human life in Darfur has been systematic in its execution said STAND vice president and student liaison for members of Sudan divestment working group, Alex Bamberg.

"A typical genocidal attack has helicopters flying in and shooting any civilian in sight with missiles. The Janjaweed arrive in bands on horseback, slaughtering men, women, and children," Bamberg said.

"During an attack, all cell phone reception is lost. This is no coincidence, the telecommunication companies are working with the government so people cannot escape the militias," Bamberg said.

UVM's divestment from Sudan involves the removal of stocks from companies invested in the region.

The companies being targeted are those that are most connected to financing the genocide in Sudan.

UVM's board of trustees agreed to divest and they met with STAND again on Sept. 7.

The board chose to divest from the 20 companies that were identified as being the worst offenders connected with the Sudanese government, according to a list compiled by the Sudan Divestment Task Force.

These are power, oil, and telecommunication companies, according to the list. The goal is not for the companies to leave Sudan, but rather to pressure them to stop supporting the government. The companies are chosen on the basis that they will not have a large economic effect on civilians, Bamberg said.

### *The board chose to divest from the 20 companies that were identified as being the worst offenders*

It is not known whether UVM actually has investments in these 20 chosen companies. The companies are currently being contacted by the University and are expected to be heard from within the next 30 to 60 days.

If UVM does have funds within them, they will be divested. "Divesting isn't as easy as it sounds; there are multiple funds that have to be looked into," said vice president of finance and administration Michael Gower.

"UVM has divested in the past. We divested from South Africa before Apartheid ended, and look for tobacco free funds now as part of our policy," Gower said.

Bamberg, is pleased with the progress being made and said the board's activities "have been absolutely fantastic and very helpful."

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# Race for Governor heats up

**Both gubernatorial candidates claim environment as a major part of their campaigns**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK

The Governor's race in Vermont is in full swing. Scudder Parker, the Democratic candidate vying for the seat against current Governor Jim Douglas, is a tested Vermonter and has held many posts throughout the state government.

Parker is running against the incumbent Jim Douglas, a man who has experience within the state's Republican Party.

However, while the candidates do agree on some of the issues, there are stark differences between them, which will help the voters decide whom they line up with.

Parker and Douglas both address the environment in their campaigns.

"Green technology and green building is not just good environmental policy, it makes good financial sense," Parker said.

Douglas's record as the governor has shown a sense of economic stewardship that has transferred into all levels of the government, with plans such as his "Comprehensive Environmental and Resource Management Plan for State

Government."

This plan was designed to help Vermont effectively manage greenhouse gases and to be environmentally active and smart.

"The character of Vermont is found in her natural beauty and in Vermonters' unmatched appreciation for clean air, clean water and healthy communities," Douglas said during the 2004 State of the State Address.

"UVM should partner with Vermont's innovative architects, builders, renewable energy businesses, and Vermont's award-winning efficiency utility, Efficiency Vermont, to build green at UVM and to promote green building throughout the State," Parker said.

At the University of Vermont, a student voter concern is tuition price and how that price affects that amount of students from Vermont that can attend UVM.

UVM was published in the Aug. 30 issue of *USA Today* in an article that highlighted how out of state students are taking up the spots for in state students.

"Vermont needs to increase its direct support for UVM so that more Vermonters can afford to attend," Parker said.

Governor Douglas also took a stance on UVM, saying, "higher education and life-long learning allow Vermonters to expand their opportunities, increase their marketability, command higher wages and gain personal fulfillment.

"That is why funding for the

University of Vermont, the Vermont state colleges, and the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation must be a priority even in tight financial times," Douglas said.

Jim Douglas was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives straight out of Middlebury College. As a young politician, he directly represented the college student's voice in the House of Representatives, rising to the position of Majority Leader.

Scudder Parker took a little longer to reach the political realm. Parker says that, "the most important thing a college student can do for Vermont is to recognize how important she/he is to the future of this state."

This race looks like it will be an uphill battle for Parker after the Sept. 24 Research 2000 poll published Governor Douglas with a sizable 15 point lead over Parker.

Governor Douglas has a sizable lead over his challenger. Indeed, this is a trend that Douglas has enjoyed throughout all of his elections, with his margins of victory increasing in every race.

Douglas is entering this year's gubernatorial race with a 60 percent approval rating, a formidable obstacle for the Parker campaign to overcome.

The election is Tuesday Nov. 7, 2006.

# Gubernatorial candidate bios



Governor Douglas (www.vermont.org)

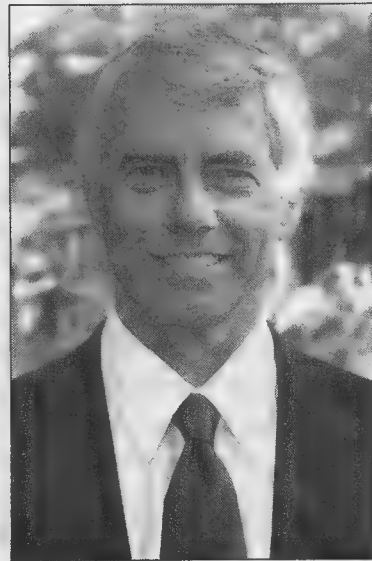
*Jim Douglas is a seasoned politician and the incumbent governor of Vermont.*

According to the Vermont governor's Web site:

- He was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives straight out of Middlebury College, and in his third term became the House majority leader.

According to Douglas's re-election Web site:

- For twelve years, Douglas held the post of Vermont secretary of state.
- Douglas also spent time as the state treasurer before being elected governor of Vermont in 2002.
- Douglas is now running for his third term.



Scudder (Scudder Parker Campaign)

*Scudder Parker is a 63 year-old Democratic candidate.*

According to his election Web site:

- He was born in the Northeast Kingdom to a farming family.

- Throughout the majority of his life, Parker has worked in agricultural communities, primarily as a minister.

- Scudder has also been involved in politics, spending time in the Vermont State Senate and as chairman of the Vermont Democratic Party.

- Scudder received his bachelor's degree from Williams College, and theological training from the Union Seminary.

# Spar for Senate

**Two published polls put Sanders ahead of Tarrant in Vermont Senate race**

By NOAH STAUM

As November nears, the heat is on in Vermont for the U.S. Senate race. Republican candidate Richard Tarrant and Independent Bernie Sanders are in a fiery battle to win the position currently held by Jim Jeffords, who will be retiring at the end of this term.

Tarrant is channeling a lot of campaign money into advertisements. As of Sept. 27, his Web site had 24 ads posted.

Tarrant has spent more money than any other candidate seeking office in Vermont, and he has more television advertisements than any other actively campaigning U.S. Senate candidate this year, according to the *Rutland Herald*.

Vermont's WCAX-TV News quoted Tarrant as saying, "Mr. Sanders had been in office for 16 years...and so he has a tremendous advantage in terms of advertising that he doesn't have to pay for.

"As a newcomer we had to

get the message out," Tarrant said, in response to criticism of his advertising efforts.

Many of his most recent ads urge Vermonters to visit the website "bernisrecord.com," on which Tarrant exposes Sanders' record in Congress. However, the legitimacy of this website and the advertisements has been challenged.

"For months my opponent Rich Tarrant has been spending millions telling us about himself. Well, it's his money and he can spend it if he wants to. But, he has no right to distort my record or what I stand for," Sanders said in one of his own television advertisements.

**Peter Overby described the results of the race's tension as "media saturation in a state so small that 200,000 votes would be a landslide win"**

Sanders has also responded to Tarrant's ads with an addition to his main campaign Web site called "The Truth." On it, Sanders addresses issues brought up in Tarrant's ads and aspects of his congressional record that coincide with them.

He also "hits back" with a sub-section entitled "Tarrant's Negative Campaign," which features recent articles from Vermont newspapers concerning Tarrant's advertising strategies.

Sanders has a total of 11 advertisements running.

On Sept. 25, National Public Radio aired a piece called "Heated Vermont Senate Race Blankets Airwaves," by Peter Overby, which described the results of the race's tension as "media saturation in a state so small that 200,000 votes would be a landslide win."

Sanders' Web site features the results of a poll, released by Ramussen Reports on Sept. 27, of Vermonters likely to vote in the Senate election. The poll indicates that out of 500 people, 64 percent would vote for Sanders and 32 percent for Tarrant.

Another poll, conducted on Sept. 14 by the American Research Group, stated that 55 percent of likely voters would support Sanders and 40 percent would support Tarrant, out of 600 interviewed.

Although both of these polls indicate a Sanders lead, with the first of the Senate debates approaching, the polls are not fully indicative of the rising competition in the race for the open U.S. Senate seat.

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# "The Underpants" opens



Frank Versati (played by Greg Perkins) "measures" Louise Maske (Sabrina Sydnor) for a new pair of underwear. (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

**Ridiculous farce may cause the audience to get its panties in a bunch**

By DAKOTA RUBIN

"The Underpants," which opened Sept. 27 and runs through Oct. 8, is a dramatic farce detailing an incident involving a frau, the loss of her undergarments and a small town's reaction.

The witty plot, along with the brilliance brought to the script by comedian Steve Martin, who adapted the original script written by Carl Sternheim, had so much to offer the audience but did not live up to its potential.

Going into the play it is important to know what you are going to see. This is no deep, moving, story but rather a light airy comedy filled with vulgar jokes and sexual innuendo that keeps the audience on the edge of their seats wondering what absurdity will be uttered next.

The level of light-wittiness that existed in the beginning of the play was lost when the crude jokes became unbalanced and thus took over the play.

The production was cast with seven experienced actors who all did an admirable job

portraying the physical side of their characters and emphasizing the satirical aspects of their roles.

All the actors used very deliberate movements in order to portray the different qualities of their characters, but in the process forced jokes and actions onto the audience.

It is one thing to have the audience laugh at funny parts during the play, but it is quite another to make the audience feel obliged to laugh when something is not so humorous, which happened too often.

The character of Versati, a poet, was masterfully played by Greg Perkins, who did an amazing job portraying an archetypal romanticist.

On the other hand, Klingelhoff's portrayal came up short. The character had tons of potential that was not met in the play.

Between the extensive crude jokes and the overly dramatized characters the play goes through some lulls where it loses its edge and witty nature.

Incredibly entertaining but not tight enough for a comedy, "Underpants" requires you to have an open mind and accept the ridiculous nature of farcical comedy.

## Sophomore's EP highlights local success

**UVM student's fan base grows as he hones his sound**

By LIZ PETOW

Zac Clark is not your average student. Instead of studying and partying, he spends his time playing and recording music.

"Imagine Elton John fronting a punk band," Clark says of his sound.

Clark, a sophomore at UVM, has enjoyed mild success as a local musician since his days in Essex Junction.

Energetic piano melodies with undercurrents of indie rock are characteristic of his music. And while calling it punk is a little far fetched, there is still "a lot of energy and a lot of that rock sensibility," Clark says.

Though inspired by classic rock — Elvis Costello and Tom Petty — and pop-punk — Taking Back Sunday and Saves the Day — it seems that the pop-punk

background is more obvious.

Whatever his sound, it has worked for Clark locally.

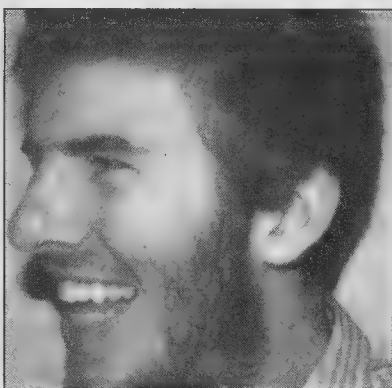
He released his first solo LP,

times in a row."

Clark's music has matured since then, with the help of producer Mike Poorman (Piebald, Tsunami Bomb), former drummer of Hot Rod Circuit. Clark's sophomore work, an EP entitled "Ellipses," was created at Poorman's studio, Strangeways, on Main St. in Burlington.

"Ellipses" is more concentrated thanks to Poorman, who gave him a "real sense of economy," in his writing, Clark says. Before working with Poorman, Clark's work was primarily "a bunch of stuff that I thought was cool and that was kind of hit or miss as to whether everyone else thought it was cool or not," said Clark.

Since the release of "Ellipses," Clark has started on



Zac Clark has something to smile about. (zacclark.net)

"Faking Amnesia," just last year, which he basically produced alone at a local studio.

"There wasn't a lot of production going on," Clark says, "wasn't a lot of anyone watching over me saying, 'Zac maybe you shouldn't do this. Or maybe you shouldn't repeat that chorus eight

**With his developing career, it is hard for Clark to live the life of a normal college student**

his next full-length album, playing piano on other band's albums, making an independent music video and touring.

After building a fan base in the Burlington area early in his career, he has recently been expanding his audience to venues across the Northeast by opening for well-known artists like Ben Jelen in Boston and Teddy Geiger in Providence, and will be opening for Gomez this week at Higher Ground.

But with his developing career, it is hard for Clark to live the life of a normal college student. "It's been different but in the end it's the same, just meeting new people, a different way of doing it," Clark says.

Clark will be opening at Higher Ground's Ballroom Oct. 3 for Gomez.

## Critical thinking: musical musings



**Ta-Dah (Umvd) Scissor Sisters**

The first track off the new Scissor Sisters album "Ta-Dah" is an infectious poppy dance hall track with Elton John on piano and the ironic title "Don't Feel Like Dancin'" — exactly what we should expect from a band that seems to have more fun playing and writing their music than even their biggest fans have listening to it.

Indeed, the Scissor Sisters' music contains so much energy they represent what would be on the music scene today if Freddie Mercury had cloned himself four or five times; and the singer's falsetto is reminiscent of the one-time Queen front man.

But this album is too much of a throwback to their self-titled release, especially on the slower tracks like "Land of a Thousand Words" and "Might Tell You Tonight."

One thing the band does more palpably with this release is the exploration of different genres like classic show tunes, and classically influenced rock interspersed with the house music that they prefer.

Poppy enough to be any college student's favorite new album, "Ta-Dah" might simultaneously drive their roommate crazy.

-TOM MORSE



**Straight Outta Lynwood (Volcano) Weird Al Yankovic**

He is not easily forgotten. Most Music Television fans of our generation will forever remember him for such classics as "Yoda" and "Amish Paradise."

On his new album, Weird Al Yankovic delivers another worthy chapter in his catalogue of comedic musical rip-offs.

Devoting only five of the twelve tracks to parodies of songs, Al also includes original tracks like "Weasel Stomping Day," and "Pancreas."

The most recognizable and memorable track on the album parodies Chamillionaire's, "Ridin'," entitled, "White & Nerdy," in which Al sings of the ways of the white man from his point of view ("They see me roll on... my Segway/ I know in my heart they think I'm white and nerdy").

For those who cannot get enough of the mocking parody, Yankovic continues his tradition of including a compilation of pop hits set to accordion, all piled on as a single track. This edition of "Polkorama!" includes sections of Snoop Dogg's "Drop it Like it's Hot," and Coldplay's "Speed of Sound."

Though hilarious and clever through the first listen, Al Yankovic's songs are much like their original counterparts: they will grow old quickly. Fortunately, the pop-music makers will surely create new songs to be used as future fuel for Yankovic.

-CHARLIE CLARK



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# Brazilian Girls: all over the map

**Multilingual lead singer Sabina Sciubba gets candid with *The Cynic***

## STAFF REPORT

Wordly Brazilian Girls' front woman Sabina Sciubba has helped bring an almost indefinable sound to the scene. How does she explain it? Well, with an accent.

**Vermont Cynic:** People call your sound "international." Do you guys see it that way?

**Sabina Sciubba:** We see it as a bunch of humans getting together and making music. None of us

really have any patriotic nationalistic feelings. I mean, we shall have the attitude but it shouldn't be a definition and be the only way one can identify oneself.

But at the same time the international thing is a very important aspect to the band; the music is very much a merging of many different styles and things that influence us. In the beginning people were telling us 'you gotta do all the songs in English because this is the United States, people want to hear music in English' and we just said, this is what we are, this is what came out and we're not going to edit it or censor it or change it or whatever. Specifically, my reality is

that I've been to many different countries and speak many different languages, so why would I sing in only one?

**VC:** Your music is all over the place and seems experimental. What's your writing process like?

**SS:** It varies from song to song. Some songs Didi is playing some kind of beat or loop or groove or harmony and then we jam over that, other songs we all write together. Actually I think that very few writers have complete processes. When you open up and you're just...experimenting, yeah, is probably a good word.

**VC:** "Tourist trap" is a great

because of its disregard for mundane lyrics and sound. Is it based on an experience?

**SS:** Yes it is (laughs). When we went to the Winter Music Conference and we went from one party to the other—they're all right next to each other, like every f---ing pizza parlor—at some point we just ended up at a pool and there was a chair in the pool and one of us jumped on it and all the others jumped on top of it and so we started singing 'piling up at the pool...'

And then we went to Las Vegas to play and I guess that's where the tourist trap idea came into it because Vegas is like planned out for people to spend money, you know. It's not like any one threw up in the casino (laughs).

**VC:** Do you consider yourself a studio band or a band you have to go out and see?

**SS:** From what people tell us, we're better live than on the record. That's what everyone says.

**VC:** Do you agree with that?

**SS:** Well it's hard for us to say, you know? The live show is a little funkier. In fact it's a little more punk. That's why the second record is a little more punk because people kept telling us that the first record was so nice and clean sounding compared to the live show.

**VC:** Is it a fair assumption to say that Didi is central to your overall tone?

**SS:** I think that's a very good observation (laughs). Didi is probably the initiator a lot of times. The band would sound completely different if you took any of the members out. In many cases Didi is the one who brings the vibe. Didi and I are a couple and Jesse and I are now roommates, that's pretty much the band dynamic: this kind of two and tow kind of thing. But we decided with the first record that we divide everything equally. We want this band to be together and stay together.



From left, drummer Aaron Johnston, keyboarder Didi Gutman, bassist Jesse Murphy and lead singer Sabina Sciubba. Brazilian Girls come to Higher Ground Oct. 8 (Sacks & Co.)

## Ding-dong, taboo is dead

**Cindy Pierce's one-woman comedy act offers sexual healing**

By DAVE SACHS  
A&E Editor

Cindy Pierce points to her crotch in conversation like it's casual body language. And it is, for the self-proclaimed comic storyteller whose specialties are the ins and outs of sexuality.

"People tell me, 'There's no comedy in sex, and you help me take a lighter approach,'" Pierce says, referring to her one-woman act, "Finding the Doorbell."

Coming to the Flynn Center for Performing Arts on Oct. 7, Pierce calls herself out via awkward stories of sexual unfamiliarity and confusion in order to bring the somewhat taboo subject of sexual pleasure to the forefront.

The "doorbell," and where one might find it, just may be a metaphor for that slightly elusive spot on a woman's body that has enjoyed mythical status in the past but is by no means an urban legend. Pierce wants to share that knowledge with everyone—women and men.

"Don't waste your time on how your body looks," Pierce says. "Take some responsibility for your pleasure."

Pierce's act takes responsibility for everybody. It's meant to elicit discussion about pleasuring the

other sex in an open manner, and it takes a comic approach to do that, she says.

A sort of jovial martyr, Pierce makes fun of herself so that others can laugh at her absurd experi-



Cindy Pierce on stage as the solo star (David M. Bareda)

ences—going to a men's room and trying to wash her hands with a urinal cake for instance—and in turn laugh at their own absurdities, sexual and otherwise.

Growing up an athlete and a tomboy, Pierce was one of the guys. "I call it dual citizenship," she says. "I was always up close in

the van with the boys from [ski] racing and baseball. My development was tragically delayed."

Perhaps because of instances like these, Pierce says "Doorbell" cheers for men as much as it does for women. "No men-bashing. Not a drop," says Pierce.

Pierce, who has performed at the University of New Hampshire for college students there, says that "Doorbell" rings true for most students; it's a much-needed lesson, she says.

"This is our window, in college, where it's socially acceptable to ask questions," Pierce says. "Soon after, there's this societal cultural driven thing that you're supposed to know."

"In college you should get into this habit of asking for guidance—get your wise panel of friends to help—people would be getting some good lovin'!"

Cindy Pierce's "Finding the Doorbell," currently being tweaked by a New York director, will eventually become a book—a manual on sex and the importance of communication.

Candidly hilarious in conversation, it is evident that Pierce is not only a comic storyteller but also a teacher, a crusader and a shrink.

Pierce will be visiting a sex, marriage and family class at UVM this week. Also, tickets are half price (\$14) for any student with a college ID.

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## "Survivor": a worthless social experiment for the ratings

By CHARLIE CLARK

The Sept. 14 debut of the new CBS reality show "Survivor: Cook Islands" has been surrounded with much controversy in response to the island tribes being assembled solely on race.

Survivor creator Mark Burnett has effectively played the race card, in an effort to raise the ratings of the program, which has seen a steady decline in the survival of its own audience's allegiance.

Seemingly, after seeing drops in ratings as severe as 29.8 million in 2001 to 16.6 million in 2005, the new format seems nothing short of a cheap ploy to win back the reality show viewers.

Not surprisingly, the new format did not go ahead without a few setbacks, as CBS lost sponsors Johnson & Johnson, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, and their largest, General Motors.

"Survivor" host Jeff Probst embraces the new format, calling it "a social experiment like never before," which stems from past criticisms of lack of diversity in the "Survivor" cast.

**One individual stated that he could not wait to see if "racial solidarity will prevail"**

This claim seems unlikely even though the show might be able to pass as some sort of experiment.

Will certified Hollywood professionals manipulating the cast of a reality-based television series boost ratings when viewers are given racial segregation theme shows in the comfort of their own homes?

Some of those who are brave enough to travel the blogosphere are buying into the idea of the new format as a valid experiment.

One individual stated that he could not wait to see if "racial solidarity will prevail" when the teams of separate races are eventually fused into one.

Millions wait in painful anticipation. Who can blame them? After all, this is likely to be the single most important reality-based television series yet to be seen by the not-easily-impressed-or-bought-and-sold viewing public.

I sincerely believe that we are on the brink of a very important discovery. But who is to thank for the discovery, which is about to be revealed?

All of us, my friends. Isn't that the greatest part about it all?

Naturally, whenever any great experiment involving race is performed, there will be opposition to it.

The idea is that instead of proving stereotypes of different ethnicities to be false, shows such as the new "Survivor" will actually perpetuate these stereotypes.

In the end, what can really be learned from watching people of different ethnicities attempt different reality show challenges?

Very little. These people are not a representative population of the world in which we live, and the tasks performed on "Survivor" are not indicative of mouse droppings.

Those who are making too large a fuss over the show should wise up, as this is an episode which will not survive for long and will be soon forgotten.

The livable wage campaign was the topic of a Cynic article the week before last, cleverly entitled "UVM's glaring flaw."

A closer look into microeconomic theory suggests a more appropriate title for Sam Maron's article: "How students can pay more for less."

One of the first things taught in introductory economics is that if an institution such as UVM increases the minimum wage, it will cause that institution to lay-off workers because, within its budget, it cannot afford to pay all of its employees at this new increased wage.

That is, unless UVM finds a way to increase its budget instead of cutting back on its expenditures.

Essentially all of UVM's revenue comes from students.

If anyone has been paying any attention to their tuition bills instead of just handing them off to mommy and daddy, they might notice that tuition has already been increasing at a rate anywhere from three to five percent each year.

If jacking up tuition at higher rates seems unpopular to the administration, maybe capitalism will work like it says it should, and UVM will only hire people who will produce an amount that merits the livable



SAM LAVALEE: A dose of skepticism

## Livable wages hurt students

wage.

Chances are, these low wage workers aren't going to leave these suddenly more attractive jobs at \$12 per hour.

It is even less likely that, because they'll be earning 150 percent more than they did before, low-wage University employees will feel the need to increase their productivity by an equal amount.

But, if UVM can't jack up student tuition, and has no way to enforce a proportional increase in productivity to offset the increase in pay for their low-wage workers, what can the administration do?

doubt that students will see a difference in the product UVM sells to us.

In effect, livable wage efforts create market inefficiencies by setting a price floor for workers.

SLAP would apparently like the families of the student body to finance the costs of this wage increase, or to continue to buy a product whose value has decreased.

It may come as a surprise that many UVM low-wage employees had the opportunity to take a higher paying job, but instead opted for the lower wage at UVM.

**A closer look into microeconomic theory suggests a more appropriate title for Sam Maron's article: "How Students Can Pay More for Less"**

If UVM can find no alternative route to cut costs or increase revenue, it will lay off workers in response to a livable wage policy.

But what does that mean for students?

Fewer workers, many of them janitorial or housekeeping staff, will be stretched and expected to do more work in the same amount of time; the equivalent of an increase in productivity.

Even if it were possible to increase productivity in these jobs by 50 percent, I have no

Tuition for families of UVM employees is free. These employees opted for the lower wage because of the \$130,000 perk of a UVM education for their children.

A \$12 per hour job might pay the bills, but it is unlikely to pay for a child's education.

When factoring in the cost of one child's education, the hourly wage of a UVM low-skilled employee jumps from \$8 to roughly \$12 per hour.

If UVM's workers are making the conscious decision to forgo higher wage rates in favor

of free tuition for their children, why is SLAP trying to finance both?

I applaud the effort to revive UVM's humanitarian roots and protest an injustice, but please pick your battles.

The proposed plan would give all UVM employees at least the minimum livable wage for a single person.

Unfortunately, this increase will be given even if some janitor's spouse is a doctor, or some housekeeper's partner is a lawyer.

Don't just hop on the bandwagon every time you hear that more money is going to people that are perceived to be poor.

Unless SLAP's motive is charity, it should know that it's spending all its valuable time protesting an effort that will put money in the pocket of strangers at its own expense, and all other students.

Buyers beware: before you run to go blindly support the latest grassroots protest, understand that the kids you're standing next to are rallying for you to give your money to workers who consciously chose lower wage jobs so their children can reap the benefits of a free education.

We should not interfere with the labor market at UVM because it will either decrease the value of the product UVM is selling us, or, it will increase the price of the product.

Either way, UVM students lose.

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

## Marriage, chains of the government

Woe is the day when celebrities are at the forefront of common sense.



However, while reading my subscription of People Magazine (more less-biased news than BBC and CNN combined) I read, to my delight, that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have promised not to get married until everyone in America (a.k.a. homosexuals) are allowed the privilege of marriage.

While I applaud the two über-stars for their commitment to civil rights, I think that they are missing the point.

Why should we include homosexuals in marriage?

Would it not be better to eliminate the state institution of marriage altogether?

The government should not be involved in a private and religious decision like marriage. Only until we, as a community, throw off the state shackles that bind us, can we truly have the egalitarian society free to love.

Having the state involved does not make a marriage more "real." If standing in line at a courthouse and signing a piece of legal documentation makes you love your partner, then I suggest that you need to

redefine your romantic life.

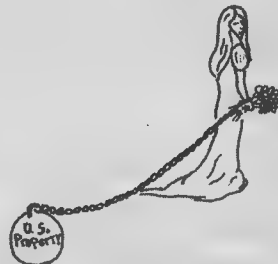
The state has a history of being abusive in marriage: not allowing interracial, same gender, or inter-class marriage.

Most governments use marriage as a tool of social control. In fact, some very religious states, like Israel, do not have civil marriage, because most religions feel that it's a sacred act that is part of the

piece of paper, they are not in love? Or should they get a special form that says "John Williams and Jane Stark are now living together... it's complicated."

These choices should be left up to the individual, like the right to choose who is in your life and who is in your heart.

But how do we, as



spiritual process and should not be included in the state.

Marriage also conflates the private and public sector. You are giving up your privacy when you ask the government for legitimacy in your romantic bond.

The government decides who your family is. This is an explicit control over you and your arrangements. But it is hypocritical in our contemporary society.

Many couples are now choosing to live together rather than get married.

Because they don't have a

enlightened beings, escape this anachronistic drudgery of slave money (the government calls it tax cuts) that allows us to implicitly sponsor the oppression of love? By privatizing marriage.

While I don't like to say it, I think it is clear that the government has a monopoly on marriage.

We must take back what is ours by right, and we must change marriage from a zero-sum game to a term that is left to individuals to define and control.

Privatization will allow

different conceptions of marriage to flourish side-by-side.

Without one form of marriage sanctioned by the government, communities will be able to form around individuals with similar concepts of marriage.

Religious groups would have to work hard to promote their idea of marriage over others and there would no longer be a hierarchy to this institution.

Abolishing that monopoly would create a robust and competitive market for marriage, thereby strengthening the institution.

One day I hope I will be married. By that, I hope that someone will want to spend the rest of their life with me and love everything about me.

I in turn, hope to love and take care of someone and find my completeness in another.

Such decisions of life partnership should not be placed on an organization or leaders that I don't support.

Giving such authorities that power impersonalizes the entire process of wanting to create an intimate bond with a person.

If you really believe in marriage being the creation of passion and romance, then why would you let an old white guy who you don't know legitimize it for you?

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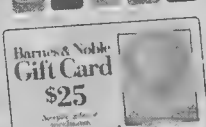
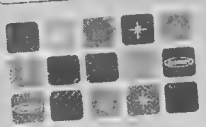
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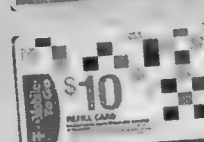
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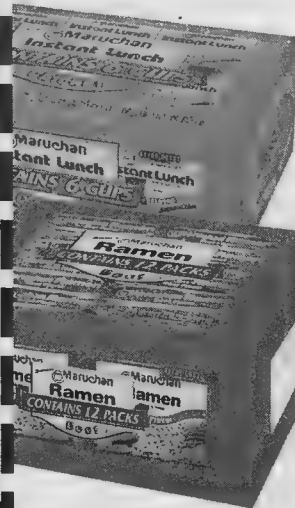
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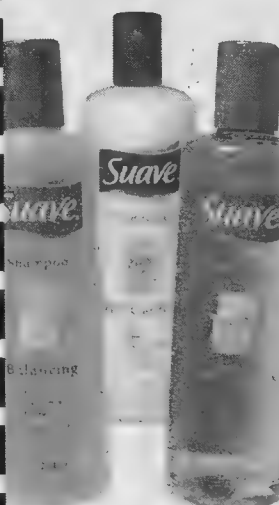
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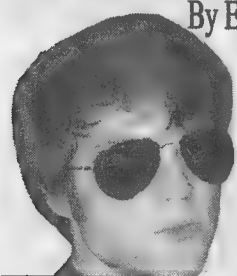
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# Not News

By Elias Altman



## Philosophy major attests to validity of Descartes' maxim

Tommy Malcolm, a sophomore philosophy student at the University, told the Cynic yesterday that he now "totally gets" the French philosopher, Rene Descartes (C.E. 1596-1650).

Descartes is most famous for his basic yet groundbreaking formulation "Cogito ergo sum," which is Latin for "I think, therefore I am."

On Friday, Sept. 29 Malcolm found out from his classmate, Susie Durkins, that they had been assigned a 5-7 page paper in their class, "Problems of Modern Philosophy."

The paper, due that Monday, asked students to address the implications of Descartes' methodological doubt.

"I was a little taken aback," Malcolm recounted, "Because I had skipped the last class and had no idea that we had a paper."

"Also, I had to go to the Disco Biscuits show on Saturday."

After double-checking his syllabus online and reviewing his single page of notes, Malcolm concluded that he "didn't really understand Descartes' deal."

Malcolm claims this changed sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

After ingesting an unknown hallucinogenic substance, Malcolm found himself naked, huddled under his blanket in his room, alone.

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"I was getting ready for the show, when I started to really freak out," Malcolm said.

"It was really scary, but I convinced myself that I didn't exist — but then, as I fell into a vortex of nothingness, I realized that I was thinking these thoughts about non-existence, therefore I was alive!"

Malcolm left his room and

arrived at the show on time. According to his roommate, Ben Hudson, Malcolm wrote out his paper in less than two hours the following day.

"It was fantastic, the best paper I have ever written," exclaimed Malcolm. "It was a two paragraph essay and I used a lot of first person voice," Malcolm said, adding that he did not need to edit it because it was "so straight from [his] dome."

Malcolm said he expected to receive an A on the paper.

His professor, Dr. J. B. Pruitt who received his Ph.D. from Harvard University, was not available for comment.

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Royall Tyler Theater  
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**THE UNDERPANTS**  
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Royall Tyler Theater  
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# "Terrellus Owenus" discovered In Egypt

By JASON FIDLER

CAIRO, Egypt — Several archaeologists, while searching the great pyramids, discovered a long-lost Shakespearean play Sunday afternoon. The text, entitled "Terrellus Owenus" was found beneath layers of dust and mud in the bottom-most chamber of one of the ancient Egyptian Pyramids.

"It's a shocking and remarkable discovery," said a Shakespeare biographer. "Many thought that 'Terrellus Owenus' was a myth, an urban legend. This will send shockwaves throughout academia."

The *Vermont Cynic* was able to obtain portions of the text. Here is an excerpt, taken from Act 2, Scene 4.

**Terrellus:**

O! Why dost thou do this to me, Great God!

Alas, I, King of catching ball

## Fabled Shakespearean play found in pyramid

of foot

Am but an earthly soul, with little mind.

**Williamus Parcelles** (jumping out from side stage):

Get thou head out of the clouds, young T.O.

I, true King of Ball of Foot, shall set thou straight.

Sallywag, imposter, fool! I call you.

Come to great Dallas, learn the ways of Bill.

**Terrellus** (looking up to the sky):

Take me now, oh great and glorious God!

I am but too good for this world of fools.

I will take my place above the sainted,

And to my rightful being, as

greatest god!

The scene ends with Terrellus swallowing a bunch of pain killers, being rushed to the hospital, and then denying to the press that he has any problem at all.

Hopefully most readers will realize that there is no long-lost Shakespearean play entitled "Terrellus Owenus." If there is, it sure as hell wasn't obtained by the *Cynic*.

However, the world that is Terrellus Owenus, I mean, Terrell Owens, does very often read like a tragedy that could have been penned by Shakespeare.

This is probably the first, and unless T.O.'s writing improves dramatically from his autobiogra-

phy, the last time Terrell Owens and Shakespeare will be mentioned in the same article, so you might want to keep reading.

Owens, like many tragic heroes, is blessed with great abilities. What Macbeth could do with a sword, Owens can do with a football.

Also like Macbeth, T.O. has always held the ambition to be the very best, and few can argue that he isn't.

Owens is also a pompous jerk, and owns probably the fat-test head in all of professional sports.

Another famous fathead is none other than the star of Greek tragedies, Oedipus.

Yes, in terms of hubris T.O. is the modern day Oedipus (the

verdict on whether or not he possesses the same love for his mom may have to wait for his Campbell's Chunky Soup ad).

In fact, you can practically hear T.O.'s voice when Oedipus declares in his tragedy "Here I am myself— / You all know me, the world knows my fame: / I am Oedipus."

Lastly, Terrell's demise and fall is more tragic than anything Shakespeare could have conjured up, even during his greatest-hits phase.

Here is a man who had it all in 2004. Considered by most to be the best wide receiver in the league, Owens was headed off to Philadelphia.

Though he was known as being a bit cocky and a loud mouth (suggesting that his former QB in San Francisco, Jeff Garcia was gay), he was still known as that lovable and extremely talented goofball.

Things got even better for him in Philly, where in his first season the Eagles won 13 out of their first 14 games, and reached the Super Bowl.

Then, the fall from greatness. In April 2005, Owens signed with agent Drew Rosenhaus, this play's evil antagonist.

Evil Drew fed on T.O.'s hubris and allowed Owens to hold out of the 2005 season. No longer was he the lovable goofball, but like Macbeth, he had morphed into a monster of terrible proportions, constantly feuding with all-around good guy Donovan McNabb.

To Dallas he went, uniting with King Bill (Parcelles). Things began to look up for Owens - a new team, a new coach, a new chance to start over. However, the high hopes were quickly crushed by a hamstring injury followed by a broken finger.

Thus we are now at the present moment in this tale, when Shakespeare's Hamlet ("To be or not to be?") comes out in Owens and he contemplates suicide.

He survives his half-attempt at killing himself, and then denies that anything was ever wrong in the first place.

Where does the plot of "Terrellus Owenus" go from here? One can only guess. Does he pull a Romeo and actually follow through in killing himself? I hope not, that would be terrible.

But if he does I call the rights to the play.

P.S. - You English majors have to give me some respect for attempting Iambic Pentameter earlier in the article, eh?

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# Abbey Kaknes

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"I told her to check it out with her sister," Dziczaniec said. "In the next few weeks she came back to my office and told me her sister thought it was a fine idea and that she'd be out on the field in the fall.

"Abbey had such an easy transition period," she said. "She knew she had to work hard on getting back her soccer skills and by the second or third day of preseason she proved to us why she was on the team. Only an outstanding athlete could pick back up a sport that quickly."

After starting for four years on the women's hockey team, being one of three players to establish a new record at Vermont for career games played with 132 and being named to the Hockey East All-Star Team from Vermont, Abbey Kaknes is an athlete who continues to be recognized, according to Athletic Communications.

Recruited to UVM for hockey, Kaknes said she was initially drawn to the school because she knew it was possible for her to play either hockey or soccer if she wanted to.

Since women's hockey was a new Division I program at UVM in 2001, during her first year, Kaknes said she took the opportunity to play and make an impact on the fledgling team as a first-year student.

In her junior and senior years she was named captain of the team and in December of 2005 played with the Hockey East All-Star team against the Women's US Olympic team, who defeated them 5-2.

"We were really thrown together and had only two practices prior to the game," Kaknes said. "The great thing was that we competed with and actually scored on them.

"It was beyond amazing to look into the crowd at people who are rooting for you and to know you are representing their

dream."

"It's easy to see that Abbey is a passionate person and a natural leader," Lexie said. "Her passion for not only the game, but all the players helps to encourage everyone to do their best and has allowed her to really succeed in everything she does when she puts her mind to it."

Kaknes hopes to run in the Burlington Marathon in the future, which is a step up from the half marathons she's ran in the past, if her busy agenda allows it.

"You always have to be on top of things and be thinking ahead when you have such a demanding athletic and academic schedule," said Kaknes. "If you don't, you'll get left behind."

In addition to her focus in specialized literacy and learning disability education, Kaknes is using her fellowship through UVM to advise first-year students who wish to major in elementary education programs.

"She is honest with everyone, which helps everyone be the best they can be," Dziczaniec said. "Her matter-of-fact way of talking really proves she is out for the greater good in every situation."

Kaknes related one particular experience that shed light on her athletic career. "I sat down and took my cleats off at the end of one practice and I was overwhelmed with the entire situation. There I was on a collegiate soccer team, something I had never really expected, with my sister sitting next to me and after all the family hockey games and soccer games we went to as kids, we were back there together as athletes.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to do what I'm doing right now," Kaknes said. "I have no regrets and I'm just happy to be at UVM and be a Catamount."

~ NFL ~

## Week five predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

### Game of the week

**Baltimore at Denver** – Two of the top teams in the AFC meet on Monday night. The Ravens are undefeated but the Broncos have played better every game since their early season defeat.

Baltimore has shown an incredible defense this season capable of shutting down any team. On the other hand, the Broncos have had one of the most balanced attacks offensively and defensively this season. Look for that balance to pay off for Denver. Final 20-14 Denver.

### Best of the rest

**Miami at New England** – The Patriots will look to regain some of their swagger against an underperforming Dolphins team that went from a Super Bowl contender to a team struggling to win eight games. The home field advantage and experience of New England will be the difference. Final 23-17 New England.

**The Patriots will look to regain some of their swagger against the underperforming Dolphins**

**Tampa Bay at New Orleans** – coming off their first loss of the season the Saints will look to bounce back. The Bucs have not been able to get anything going this season and that trend will continue. Final 24-17 New Orleans

**Washington at NY Giants** – These two teams are battling for position in the

toughest division in football. Both have talent but the Giants are coming off a bye week and will be well rested. Final 27-20 New York.

**Buffalo at Chicago** – The Bills have been very solid this season and will give the Bears a much tougher game than many predict. But Chicago will be able to withstand the pressure and come away with a victory. Final 20-17 Chicago.

**NY Jets at Jacksonville** – The Jets have performed above expectations this season but going to Jacksonville will be one of their toughest tests thus far. The Jaguars have the defense to go deep into the playoffs this season and will be able to get past the Jets. Final 27-20 Jacksonville.

**Kansas City at Arizona** – The Chiefs began to turn around their season last weekend with a dominating win. Playing the Cardinals will be a step up from the 49ers but Kansas City has an explosive offense that is hard to stop. Final 33-21 Kansas City.

**Dallas at Philadelphia** – Another monster matchup in the NFC East this week. The Eagles and Cowboys are even at the top of the division and fighting for the early advantage. With T.O. around Dallas always has a chance. Final 32-27 Dallas.

**Pittsburgh at San Diego** – The Steelers are reeling right now and will look to come off their bye week with a lot of momentum. But they are coming up against a very talented San Diego team at home. It will be another week before Pittsburgh starts winning again. Final 27-17 San Diego.

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Sophomore Connor Tobin goes up for a header against Stony Brook.  
(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## Men's Soccer

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outside the box that nearly found the back of the goal, but Stony Brook's E.J. Xikis was able to make the save at the last second. Freshman Rem Kielman nearly headed in a corner kick but his attempt floated just over the bar.

"We kept our discipline and kept up the pressure all game," junior captain Panos Georgiadis said. "We took it to them in the second half, and did not sit on the lead."

Georgiadis almost added a goal of his own, but his shot, bending towards the upper right corner, was tipped away from the goal.

In the 82nd minute Panos sent a nice ball into the center of the box where freshman T.J. Gore's header hit the crossbar and miraculously was kept out of the net.

"Getting the first point is a great feeling and it was a big win for us," said Tobin, whose assist was his first career point. "[Stony Brook] gives us a good game every time."

With the win the Catamounts improved their overall record to 5-4-2 and stand 2-0-0 in the America East Conference, putting them in a three-way tie atop the conference. The loss drops the defending conference champion Seawolves to 3-8-0 (0-1-0) on the season.

UVM hits the road for its next two conference games with UMBC and Albany, before returning home on Saturday Oct. 7 to host Hartford. The game will take place at 1:00 at Centennial Field.

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# Same school, new sport Hockey Preview

**Grad student Abbey Kaknes joins the soccer team after four years of hockey**

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Despite the sacrifices, the defeats, the forced organization and the grind of every day life as a Division I athlete, Abbey Kaknes would not change a thing.

Kaknes, a graduate student studying elementary education, was a four-year starter on the women's ice hockey team and is now using her last year of eligibility in the NCAA to play with the women's soccer team.

"Every bad thing you experience as an athlete makes you appreciate all the good things that much more," Kaknes said. "The sacrifice of your social life makes the team dinners that much more special. The monotony of everyday makes those victories that much more amazing. It's all worth it."

When her younger sister, Lexie, started looking at UVM for school, Abbey went to the head coach of women's soccer, Kerry Dziczaniec and introduced herself, putting in a good word for her sibling, said Dziczaniec.

"She came to me and introduced herself for her sister," she said. "We looked into her sister and ended up recruiting her for the team. That interaction helped establish her in my mind as a very classy young person."

Kaknes was a regular over at the Patrick Gym, making herself



Left: Kaknes controls the ball during a game this season with her second UVM tea, women's soccer (Matt Riley/Athletic Communications)

Above: Kaknes during one of her record 132 games for the women's hockey team (Roger Riniker/Athletic Communications)



## Next Women's Home Game:

Wednesday Oct. 4 vs. Harvard @ 3:00 pm



## Next Women's Home Game:

Friday Oct. 27 vs. Sacred Heart @ 7:00 pm

known to the administration and coaches through her two-time American Women's Hockey Collegiate Association National Scholar Athlete award, ECAC All-Academic Team membership, and her participation as a student-athlete on the Equity and

Student-Welfare Sub-Committee on campus as well involvement in the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, according to the Department of Athletic Communications.

One day last spring while at the gym, Dziczaniec suggested

she come out and play soccer in the fall alongside her sister, said Kaknes.

"It was a running joke we had that I would play soccer," she added.

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# Cats down Stony Brook

**Strong 2nd half propels Vermont**

By NICK DECARO

On a windy Wednesday afternoon the University of Vermont Catamounts defeated America East Conference rival Stony Brook 1-0.

"It was our best performance of the season, and we did a lot of good things, especially the little things it takes to win," coach Jesse Cormier said.

Vermont turned on the pressure early and often, using good



The Cats Lee Stephane Kouadio fights for the ball during Vermont's 1-0 win (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

the contest.

Though only once did the ball manage to find its way to the back of the net, numerous opportunities presented themselves in the first half.

Sophomore Jordan Crasilneck crossed the ball in

front of the net where freshman Nick Mead's diving header went just wide of the far post.

With about 11 minutes remaining in the first half senior captain Corey Bronner's free kick got through traffic but was punched away at the last second

by the Stony Brook goalkeeper, ending the first half at a scoreless tie.

After halftime Vermont put together their finest half of soccer this season, out-shooting Stony Brook 14-2 and earning 9 corner kicks in the half.

"When you perform like one group, you get it together and the shots and chances pile up," Cormier said.

Vermont was able to cash in one of those chances at the 49:16 mark of the contest. Sophomore Connor Tobin took a free kick from 35 yards out and sent a beautiful ball right in front of the goal. Streaking in to volley the ball into the lower right corner was freshman Marty Galvin.

Galvin's second goal of the season gave the Catamounts a 1-0 lead. Thanks to strong defensive play from the back line and swarming pressure from the forwards and midfielders the one goal was all UVM would need. Junior goalkeeper Roger Scully posted his fourth shutout of the season.

The Catamounts kept up the intensity and threatened several other times in the half. Junior Loren Hill let go a blast from

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By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

As the Vermont men's hockey team prepares for their second season in the Hockey East there is one resounding need.

More offense.

"We have been known for our team defense," head coach Kevin Sneddon said. "A lot of things we do without the puck are very special, but we were also 40th or maybe even worse in team offense. So we've got to find that balance of producing more five-on-five offense while not sacrificing a lot on the defensive end."

The defensive end of the ice is where the Cats have some big skates to fill after the departure of three-year captain Jaime Sifers who anchored the blue line and was the emotional leader in the locker room.

"Torrey [Mitchell] and I don't look to replace him by any means," said senior Kenny Macaulay, who was named co-captain this season alongside junior Torrey Mitchell. "We've learned a lot from him in the last few years and we look to build on the things that he left the team and carry it on from there."

"We're gonna do our best in preparing the guys night-in and night-out," Mitchell said.

While a significant void remains from the departure of the likes of Sifers, Brady Leisenring, Jeff Corey and Matt Syroczyński, the team is very optimistic about the incoming freshman class, Sneddon said.

"The guys coming in fit in well," Macaulay said. "They fit into our scheme of things so were pretty excited."

One position that remains solid and unchanged is goalie, where junior Joe Fallon was one of the top net-minders last season.

"That's the biggest thing for team confidence," Sneddon said. "If you make mistakes, it is good to know that you have a guy back there. Joe has been spectacular for us."

On Saturday the team took part in the Catamount Face Off which was a chance to "get the guys in uniform" as well as a opportunity for the coaches to see the players work together on the ice in preparation for the opening of the season next weekend, said Sneddon.

The Cats open the season at the Ice Breaker Tournament at Miami (Ohio) University on Friday against 14th ranked Colgate. Depending on the outcome of the first game, Vermont will either play eighth ranked Miami or seventh ranked Denver on Saturday.

"It will be a great first test for us," Sneddon said. "[It is] probably one of the best tournament fields in the country. We are the underdog."

A season after they rose as high as number three in the rankings, Vermont received 45 votes in the first USCHO.com/CSTV poll of the 2006-07 season, which ranks them 24th overall.

"I thought we did a good job last year, entering a new league and facing very difficult competition every night out," Sneddon said. "We ran out of steam at the end of the year and I want to make sure we are more consistent [this season]."



## Next Home Game:

Sat. Oct. 7 vs. Hartford @ 1:00 p.m.

ball movement along with good support from the midfield to control the game. The Catamounts outshot the Seawolves 18-6 in



## Confusion following Fogel's statement at SGA

By TOM PAYEUR  
Cynic Correspondent

"Nobody but an idiot or Nazi would say they want to work for wages which aren't livable," UVM President Fogel said to the Student Government Association.

These words were presented during the Oct. 3 Public Forum, moments after Senator Michael Glynne asked Fogel what he thought of the Livable Wages Task Force. They were likewise recorded in the SGA minutes.

"I don't understand the statement," Network Services employee Barbara Haftarczuk said. "Why would there be any people who want to work for non-livable wages, Nazis or idiots?"

On t. 6, Fogel retracted his statement, saying, "You would be a Nazi or idiot to say that you wanted employees to work for less than livable wages."

When shown this contrast in quotes, the minute-taker of the night, SGA Vice President Ajay Schmidt said that he may have been wrong in what he quoted. "I did take 16 pages of notes that night," Schmidt said.

"I find it really interesting how the rhetoric has changed since last year. [The administration] was resistant in the beginning, but now they're embracing [livable wages] with open arms," Senator Sam Maron said in response to Fogel's corrected statement.

The SGA Public Forum was bypassed until 7:30 p.m., when Fogel arrived during the induction for the new Anthropology Club. The Anthropology Club was passed with a unanimous "aye."

Fogel apologized for his late appearance, saying that he got caught up in a conversation with an old Dean of Arts and Sciences in the parking lot.

The issue of Ian Collins and "Search for Cause" was brought up, and Fogel was asked what his opinions were on the subject. Fogel said that he could not comment.

"That all happened while I was out," Fogel said. "Some of it while I was so out I didn't even know I was in the ICU."

During Senatorial Forum, when Senators can speak freely

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## SENIOR MISSING

Michelle Gardner-Quinn was last seen walking up Main Street Friday night

By KENSINGTON R. MOORE  
News Editor

Some time between late Friday night and early Saturday morning, UVM senior Michelle

Michelle Gardner-Quinn:  
> 21 years of age  
> 5'8" 135 lbs  
> Brown hair  
> Stud piercing in nose

Last seen wearing:  
> Gray pea coat  
> Green sweater  
> Long, dark blue t-shirt  
> Black Puma purse with white stripes

Call Burlington P.D. with information (802) 658-2700

Gardner-Quinn went missing. Last seen while walking up Main Street past South Union Street toward her dorm in University Heights, Michelle

failed to meet with her parents on Saturday morning.

On Friday night Michelle met up with friends: Tommy Lang, Dorsey Kilbourn, Mike Means and Julie Martin to celebrate Dorsey's 21st birthday at The OP, according to Michelle's friends Tommy and Julie.

Later, Julie left early and Dorsey moved on to meet up with friends at Miguel's. Tommy,



Michelle Gardner-Quinn on Friday afternoon, hours before she went missing (Courtesy of Burlington P.D.)

Mike and Michelle left to meet up with other friends at JP's.

Michelle eventually left JP's to meet up again with Dorsey in front of The Ski Rack on Main Street. At 2:15 a.m. Tommy got a call from Michelle on what he

described as a "random guy's" cell phone. Dorsey, due to missing a call on her cell phone, which was on vibrate, never met up with Michelle.

Brian Rooney, the man whose cell phone Michelle used

to call Tommy walked Michelle up Main Street to the corner of Main and South Union where he departed before Michelle continued up Main Street to her dorm

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## New scholarships aim to keep youth in state

New program provides incentive for college students to stay in Vermont

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Cynic Correspondent

A recent bill passed by the Vermont Legislature, called The Next Generation Initiative, allocates \$5 million for scholarships to Vermont schools.

The scholarship was created primarily to entice Vermont youth to live and work in Vermont. "The population of youth is falling dramatically, while the population above 65 is growing. This has recently become a matter of concern for Vermont leaders," said Karen Meyer, vice president of federal, state, and community relations.

Next Generation scholarships are given to students for free, providing that the person awarded the scholarship stays in Vermont for three years after graduation. If they do not stay in Vermont for the first three years after graduation, they must pay back 50 percent of the awarded money, said Meyer.

The idea for a scholarship fund was originally proposed by Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas whose

incentive was to make college more affordable and increase the state's youth population. The scholarship will be equally divided between the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, the University of Vermont, and the Vermont state colleges.

The original scholarship amount proposed by Douglas was renegotiated from \$175 million over a period of 10 years to \$5 million.

"I don't believe \$5 million will solve the problem, it's not a silver bullet, but it's a start. What we intend to do with the Vermont population is look at Vermont students that have debt and try to take that debt down," Meyer said.

**The scholarship will be equally divided between VSAC, UVM and Vermont State Colleges**

Currently, 70 percent of Vermont students get financial aid averaging around \$3,000 per person, according to a recent speech made by former acting President John Bramley. "I hope this money can really do something positive in terms of scholarships," Bramley said.

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## Dorm security issues resurface

By MIKHAILA JANISZYN  
Cynic Correspondent

Females living in Converse Hall on Sept. 12 not only had to watch their backs, but also their feet. A suspicious male, later identified as Tony Aggers, 33, entered the hall under the guise that he was starting a sock business.

Aggers claimed to have sock samples for women to try on, and then fondled, kissed, and smelled their feet, according to the alert released by UVM Police Services on Sept. 19.

Since this incident, Aggers has been located by campus police and has been banned from the University of Vermont for six months.

In an e-mail to UVM students sent on Oct. 1, police Chief Gary

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By Elias Altman



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# Homecoming '06

By TOM MORSE

There could not have been better weather for the homecoming parade on Saturday.

UVM students, parents, alumni and faculty were all present to witness the proud student and faculty groups display their passions and artistic abilities through athletic campus, across Main Street, and down central past the tent on the Chittenden/Buckham/Wills green.

Instead of the traditional connotations of a "homecoming" event, this parade focused not on UVM's rich history, but was a celebration of the varied interests and talents of the current UVM community.

The radio station, fencing club, student government, juggling club, gymnastics club, and the dairy enthusiasts had some of the most creative methods of attracting attention, but when the

trucks, trailers, busses, and sputtering brown Subarus had come to a stop behind the Campus Center Theatre, the class council's float was deemed the best.

"The float was pulled together by all of the councils. We decided to [pool] all of our resources to promote unity between classes and to get all of the classes working together on something," sophomore class council treasurer John Soltys stated in an e-mail after they were declared the winners.

"We picked the Dr. Seuss theme to honor 'The Places You'll Go,' which we thought was appropriate for the growth on campus and for the rising standards."

This campus growth was also represented in diesel-powered form with, appropriately enough, a front-end-loader nestling a banner in its bucket in support of the office of student life's move to the new Davis Center faculty members following close behind handing out candy.

"A good way to spend a Saturday afternoon," said sophomore Phil Marston, who really liked the CREAM float—a young calf riding in the bed of a farm truck, the driver of which had a dog in the front of him as his co-pilot. "That's so UVM," Marston said of the home-on-the-range feel that the float achieved.

Maybe it was the extra vitamin D that everyone was soaking up, or the fact that it was the weekend after many students had to deal with increased stress from tests and midterms, but the excitable atmosphere was palpable as the student floats passed by. At one point the entire student senate was singing Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer" in complete discord.

This parade and the subsequent picnic was a kickoff of parents and alumni weekend. To learn more about on-campus activities in the future, log on to the UVM Web site and go to "Student Activities and Recreation."

## Fair Trade products considered on campus

**Students For Peace and Global Justice seek to add fair trade bananas to dining halls**

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

Fair Trade, a national trend that is nothing new to Burlington, is making an appearance in UVM dining halls.

Students For Peace and Global Justice (SFPGJ) kicked off Fair Trade Month on Oct. 4 with a presentation by Lindsey Bryan, co-president of SFPGJ.

The month-long campaign is intended to increase awareness about Fair Trade on campus, with the ultimate goal of increasing the amount of Fair Trade Certified products served in the University's dining halls, Bryan said.

Bryan explained the need for increased fair trade, on the international level as well as the community level, in order to protect farmers and the environment.

Bryan encouraged students to sign the "Big Noise," a petition targeted at the World Trade Organization to change the laws of international trade.

For the past two years, SFPGJ has worked with Sodexo to make Fair Trade coffee available in all campus dining halls.

As a result of this campaign, 70 percent of all coffee served on



Fair Trade farmers are able to invest in infrastructure improvements and quality control (© 2003 Fairtrade Foundation)

campus is now Fair Trade certified and dining services hopes to reach a goal of 90 percent by the end of the year, general manager of dining services Melissa Zelazny said.

SFPGJ is currently working on a new project to provide the University community with Fair

more expensive Fair Trade banana. "The students are already complaining that we sell them for 77 cents."

"I am currently doing an analysis with Black River Produce," Zelazny said. "If it is a 2-cent difference that is not a big deal, but a 30-cent difference is."

Black River produce is one of the grocery providers to the University and would supply the Fair Trade bananas.

Zelazny is also looking into Fair Trade tea and cocoa.

The month's activities will include a film series, discussions and will culminate on Oct. 23 with a speaker panel entitled "Voices from the Fields: What Fair Trade Means to the Farmers."

The speakers will include a Fair Trade banana farmer from Ecuador, a watermelon farmer from Georgia, and a Vermont apple farmer.

**70 percent of all coffee served on campus is now Fair Trade Certified**

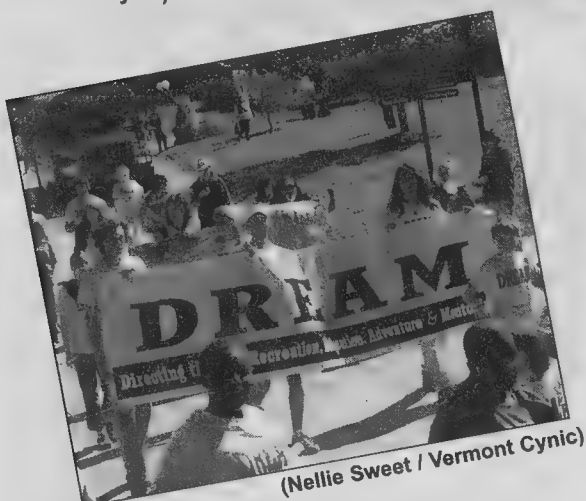
Trade bananas, Bryan said.

The difference between a cup of Fair Trade coffee and conventional coffee is only about 3 cents, whereas a Fair Trade banana is about 30 cents more expensive than a conventional banana, Bryan said.

"I don't think they would sell the same," said Sarah Clark, an employee at the Cyber Café, referring to the possibility of a



UVM PRIDE - Many clubs participated in Saturday's parade. From top: the Fencing Team, CREAM, Gymnastics, and DREAM. (Tom Morse / Vermont Cynic)



(Nellie Sweet / Vermont Cynic)

### COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

#### Corrections from Issue 7, Oct. 3:

In the article "Sudan divestment plan revised," it was reported that the University's Committee on Socially Responsible Investing was newly formed. It has actually been in existence for about 20 years according to President Fogel.

In the article "Livable wage demanded," professor Ross Thomson's named was misspelled.





Burlington's outpost of the embattled Red Cross (Dakota Rubin/Vermont Cynic)

# Red Cross under fire

**Fines will not significantly affect the Burlington community**

By TOM MORSE  
Cynic Correspondent

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fined the American Red Cross (ARC) \$4.2 million last month because of violations of the Amended Consent Decree of 2003.

According to an FDA press release on their Web site, the Amended Consent Decree was initially issued in 1993 to provide more assurance of good blood quality and safety, better training programs and better management of donor, blood test, and recipient records.

In 2001 and again in 2003, this decree was amended to provide for other violations that were not covered in the original document. The amendment also set deadlines for the Red Cross to meet these requirements.

The Amended Decree also established a system of penalties for when these deadlines are not met, and when the safety of transfusion recipients is jeopardized, the press release stated.

From 2003 to 2005, about 1,000 units of blood were recalled because of preventable breaches of "good manufacturing practice such as a failure to ask appropriate donor screening questions and failure to follow manufacturer test protocols," the Web site stated.

Ryland Dodge, the director of biomedical research for the American Red Cross, maintains that the recalls do not indicate that any contaminated blood was distributed.

"These product recalls... are most often associated with procedural errors and do not necessari-

ly mean that the product is unsafe. However, blood organizations use the recall mechanism to carry out their responsibility to protect the public health, even if there is only a minimal increase in safety risk," Dodge said.

The FDA press release affirmed this allegation, stating, "any particular breach of the safeguards does not necessarily translate into unsafe blood products, because the safeguards designed to protect the blood supply are to some extent overlapping."

For this reason, there were no recorded cases of contaminated blood being distributed to transfusion recipients as a result of these violations.

Peter Nattress, the manager of donor recruitment in the northern Vermont chapter of the Red Cross, thinks the fines were issued as an incentive to speed up the implementation of these safety measures.

**"I think that both organizations have agreed that the blood is safer than it's ever been"**

-Peter Nattress  
northern Vermont Red Cross

"I think the FDA's feeling is perhaps that they think things maybe aren't moving along quick enough" Nattress said. "This is their way of trying to get things to move quicker."

For the northern Vermont chapter, which is located on North Prospect Street and has frequent blood drives that target the UVM community, the disciplinary measures resulting from the amended consent policy, has predominantly meant more training for the staff.

"To comply with the amended decree, different ways of screening donors have been put into place," Nattress said.

"That puts our staff into more training, so the staff would have to get re-trained so that it would comply with the exact wording of each decree as they change..."

"So initially, until everyone is re-focused, it may slow down the process a little bit and where it affects us the most is if we have a large blood drive."

In fact, for the local chapter, the fines implemented by the FDA have had no financial effect.

"[The fines] haven't affected anything locally for us... there were no fees increased as a result of the fines, so there were no public funds tapped into to cover the fines. That's something that was handled internally," Nattress said.

Dodge was optimistic about the Red Cross's future ability to maintain a high level of blood safety, and continue improving their methods. "As a matter of fact," Dodge said, "many of the incidents that have led to these recalls have already been effectively addressed."

"We take full responsibility and accountability for the recalls, but we also believe that many of these recalls have already been corrected."

"I think that both organizations have agreed that the blood is safer than it's ever been due to all the testing that existed in the past and all the updated testing that takes place now," Nattress said. "And in addition to the testing, the additional screening that's being done makes the blood that much safer."

"With that being said, you get beyond the paperwork, and I think you can feel pretty good about receiving a unit of blood," Nattress said.

# HIV testing



**Students take advantage of free and anonymous testing on campus**

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Cynic Correspondent

Students who are sexually active and concerned about having HIV/AIDS went to the UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing on Thursday afternoon to take advantage of free HIV/AIDS testing.

Testing is free and anonymous, done without needles or paperwork.

When signed up to be tested, instead of giving a name, a time slot is assigned in correspondence with a number. There is no way to trace a person's name, address, or social security number through their results.

No needles are involved, because testing is done with a cotton swab of the mouth, which takes cells from the side of one's cheek. That cotton swab is put through a series of tests and results are available in 20 minutes.

Yesterday was the first free testing event of the year at the center for health and wellbeing at Christie/Wright/Patterson. Ten students showed up to get tested,

according to Gabriela Helfgott, who works at the center for health and wellbeing.

Helfgott said she hopes free testing will widen student openness about HIV/AIDS. "We want to start normalizing testing to break down social barriers and bring awareness to the topic of HIV/AIDS."

"I don't see students thinking about it in their reality and we want it to be something completely normal," Helfgott said.

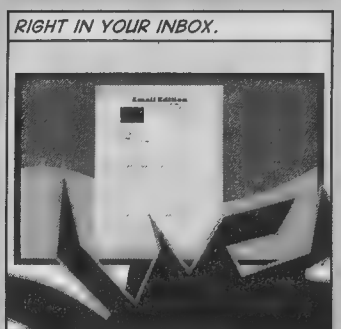
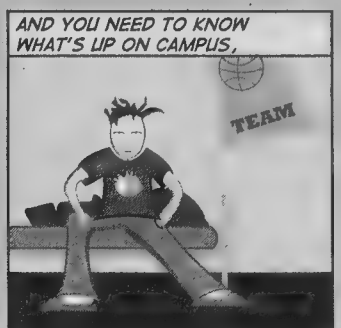
For students who are comfortable getting tested on campus, the Center for Health and Wellbeing will be offering testing the first Thursday of every month. The testing facility is a movable clinic and will be set up on different parts of campus each month.

Next month testing will be offered at University Heights, and in December it will be in the chapel conference room at Billings, both events will be from 2 to 4 p.m.

Another option for students who don't want to be seen tested on campus is Vermont CARES (Center for AIDS Resources and Education Services), a testing and HIV/AIDS education center that provides free testing once a week from 4 to 7 p.m. at 361 Pearl Street.

"I want any student who is concerned or sexually active to get tested. We can't test every student when they might want, but I would recommend it. Come with your partner, get tested together. Show how much you love each other," Helfgott said.

## the morning...







Michelle Gardner-Quinn  
(Courtesy of Burlington P.D.)

# Missing Student

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in U-Heights according to Tommy.

This was the last time anyone has seen or heard from Michelle.

On Saturday morning Michelle was supposed to meet up with her parents. When

Michelle didn't show up and was unreachable they contacted University Police Services. UVM police then turned the case over to the Burlington police, according to the Burlington police.

The Burlington Police Department is now heading up the investigation and is "working very closely with UVM police,"

Lieutenant Rich Long said.

Michelle's friends describe her as a hard worker who is passionate about her studies. "We went to high school together...I've known her since the 8th grade," explained Michelle's friend Tommy who went on to paint a saint's portrait of Michelle.

Tommy explained that Michelle loves the outdoors and "spends the summer working at a national park in Virginia."

Michelle is an outgoing, friendly young woman, Julie stated. "I met her on the Wilderness

Trek program and we've been hanging out non-stop ever since," Julie said.

Michelle, who self-designed a major under environmental studies and Latin American studies has spent much of her college career abroad, studying in Costa Rica and South Africa. Her love for her studies and the environment was obvious in her friends' portrayal of her.

Any information about Michelle's whereabouts should be directed to the Burlington Police Department.

# Man arrested on Athletic Campus

Lewd and lascivious conduct denied by the accused

By COLIN LUCAS  
Cynic Correspondent

"I can't believe UVM would do this to me!" said Todd Miller, the man being charged with lewd and lascivious conduct after an incident at the University in late September.

According to Miller he was issued a trespassing notice from UVM after an event the University called lewd and lascivious behavior.

The only information available on the incident is posted on the UVM police services Web page, which says, "[Todd Miller] has been trespassed from campus after being arrested for lewd and lascivious conduct. If seen on campus contact Police Services immediately."

An e-mail sent out to the UVM community on Oct. 1 by police Chief Gary Margolis stated that the event happened earlier that week at the athletic complex.

Despite efforts to contact him, Margolis would not comment on the incident.

Miller was described by police as a 46-year-old white male with a height of 6'3" and a weight of 300 pounds.

"Part of the reason I can't say anything," Miller said, "is that we are appealing the trespass notice from UVM."

Outlining his charges, Miller said, "The state of Vermont is saying that it was lewd and lascivious, but I don't believe I am guilty of that."

"All I can say is that I pleaded not guilty to it and I am going to court to fight it. I love UVM and I think this whole thing is ridiculous"

Miller has strong ties to the University and is greatly upset by the charges.

"I have always held UVM near and dear to my heart, this is just so traumatic to me. I am actually an affiliate and employee of UVM and I have been terminated from Fletcher Allen."

"I grew up on UVM, I have worked here for 18 years, my sister went here, part of my degree is from here even though I went to Middlebury. My family is not OK with this; I am not OK with this."

# Fogel

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when given the floor, Senator Benjamin Porter said it is "a: absurd; or, b: untrue that Fogel doesn't know anything about [Ian Collins]."

Campus safety was brought up by Senator Katie Conrad when she asked Fogel if there was anyway to cut back on the outside crime infiltrating the campus, citing Colby Eck and the more recent attack on Athletic Campus.

Fogel said there is nothing the campus can do to completely stop invaders. He mentioned how he used to work in the middle of a city, where everyone was under constant surveillance by camera and police.

"Can we be Vermont's University without being an open campus?" Fogel said.

"What do you think we could do to improve the relationship between [UVM] and the city of Burlington?" Senator Mandy Frank asked.

There will always be a level of discontent between the city and the school, Fogel said, but they live in a symbiosis together.



President Fogel with his wife, Rachel Kahn Fogel (left), at the Homecoming parade (Tom Morse/Vermont Cynic)

er, "Burlington wouldn't be the chill-out capitol of the Northeast without the University," Fogel said.

After approximately an hour

of questions, Fogel left the meeting amidst loud applause and many handshakes.

"I think he was being vague with answers and instead asking us what we thought about the

questions," Conrad said later during Senatorial Forum. Many senators present at the meeting concurred with Conrad's statement.

# Scholarships

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Douglas's proposal was debated on the floor but ultimately rejected due to a lack of consensus on funding. Instead, The Next Generation Initiative was passed with the stipulation of creating a commission, called the next generation commission,

to research scholarship allocation.

In addition to researching a plan to encourage Vermonters to live and work in Vermont, the commission is charged with examining options such as loan forgiveness, tax incentives, loan repayments and leveraging federal sources, according to the

amendment.

The commission must also identify a funding source and create a system for overseeing the use of the scholarship funds.

The commission is composed of four members appointed by the governor, two members appointed by the president of the Senate, two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, and a chair jointly appointed by all three, according to the amendment.

The University of Vermont, which will be receiving a portion of the money, was not given an appointment to the commission.

"We don't really want to be on the committee," Meyer said. "We want it to be comprehensive of Vermont. For the notion of how this is going to work we don't feel we need to sit on the commission to be represented."

The commission will present a plan to the general assembly on Dec. 1.

# Converse Hall

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Margolis explained the intrusion and included a physical description of Aggers.

Margolis told students, "Crime awareness is an integral part of 'crime prevention'... Lack of information invites complacency."

Crime prevention has been an increasingly stressed issue at UVM. Recently, Stacey Miller, director of residential life, released a list of steps that students can take to ensure their safety. These safety procedures include not letting strange people into your room, not propping open doors, locking the door to

your room, and familiarizing yourself with fellow residents in your building.

"I think it's easy for people to get in [to residence halls]," said Mallory Hale, a freshman living in Converse Hall. "If people just let someone in then it's their fault." However, Hale said that she generally feels safe in her hall and on campus.

"When I heard about what happened [with Aggers], it really freaked me out," said a sophomore female resident of Converse, who wished to remain anonymous. "I'd heard about other things happening on campus or in other dorms. But this

was the only one that really hit me because it was in my building. I've started locking my door even when I'm at home. I never even thought about doing that before."

According to Converse residential life staff, there haven't been any meetings to discuss the incident concerning Aggers's intrusion. They were made aware of what happened and told not to alarm other students living in the building.

A Converse resident advisor said that she worries that outsiders have easy access to the dorms, but doesn't see any real way of preventing it.

"It's not like we're going to have a guard stationed at every door to check IDs," said the RA, who also wanted to remain anonymous



Aggers has been banned from the University campus for the next six months (Courtesy of UVM Police Service)





# Sanders vs. Tarrant

The race for Vermont's recently-opened Senate seat is hotly contested, pitting Independent Bernie Sanders against Republican Rich Tarrant



By WILLIAM SEDLACK

In Vermont's nationally-watched U.S. Senate race, Independent congressman Bernie Sanders is taking on local businessman Richard Tarrant. So far the race has been very heated, with both sides pulling out all of the stops.

Tarrant, the Republican candidate has campaigned against Sanders with a heavy media presence, going after Sanders' congressional record.

Tarrant is a longtime Vermonter. He attended St. Michael's College in Colchester, where he led them to the NCAA Final Four in basketball. After college he was drafted and played for the legendary Red Auerbach and the Boston Celtics.

Tarrant left basketball and got involved in computers. After selling other people's products, he decided that he could do better and formed his own company. He is the founder of one of

Vermont's largest companies, IDX Systems.

Bernie Sanders, a longtime Vermont politician, is fighting back against Tarrant's attacks on his voting record. He believes that his congressional record is a positive benefit meritorious.

Sanders began his political career in Burlington, where he served as mayor. He was then elected as the first Independent to the U.S. Congress in 40 years, serving since 1991 in the House of Representatives, as an Independent but aligns often with the Democratic caucus.

Tarrant, in an interview with *The Cynic*, said that in addition to the steps that UVM has taken, "We also need a long-term energy policy that reduces our country's reliance on fossil fuels."

"This means taking a multi-pronged approach that includes conservation and developing alternative forms of energy such as wind, solar, hydrogen fuel cells and biomass," Tarrant said.

Congressman Sanders has voted for many environmental issues in Congress and he

believes that "the good news is that through energy conservation and the movement toward sustainable energy, we can move decisively to reverse global warming and our dependence on Middle East oil and fossil fuels."

*Tarrant, the Republican candidate has campaigned against Sanders with a heavy media presence, going after Sanders' congressional record*

Students throughout the country are one of the lowest groups in terms of voter turnout, and this affects how their voice is heard in all state capitols and in Washington.

"If you are concerned about the high cost of college education," Sanders said, "the war in Iraq, health care, the environment, women's rights; or whether

you'll have a decent paying job when you graduate college, you should be thinking about the need to end the Republican one-party government which we now have in Washington."

Tarrant also believes that students need to get more involved in the political process but for different reasons.

"Everyday, politicians make decisions that affect their future and we need to encourage students to be more involved in those decisions," Tarrant said. "I believe that exercising their right to vote and participating in the political process is the best thing a college student can do for their country."

An important issue facing our country is terrorism and the subsequent War on Terror. Tarrant believes this is a very real issue and states on his Web site, "We must remain ever vigilant and continue to allocate resources to intelligence and counter-terrorism efforts in order to bring an end to terrorism."

"We need to restore funds taken from human intelligence

agencies immediately prior to 9-11, as well as develop new technological devices for early detection and immediate retribution to those who would harm us," the Web site stated.

According to Sanders' Web site, "the United Nations and the international community should take the lead in stabilizing and rebuilding Iraq, and that American troops should be withdrawn as soon as feasible."

Another hot topic is that of abortion rights. "Instead of chipping away at Roe v. Wade, we can strengthen a woman's right to choose," Sanders said.

Tarrant, on the other hand, states on his Web site, "Like most Americans, I would like to reduce the number of abortions to virtually zero... Yet, like Chief Justice John Roberts, I recognize that the law on this issue is settled and must be respected."

Both candidates hope to appeal their message to the people of Vermont in their sprint to the Nov. 7 elections.

## Milmoe's condition still a mystery

Previous diagnosis found to be incorrect, still no definite answer

By LAUREN VILBERT

Mike Milmoe, the UVM sophomore who collapsed during a flag-football game on Sept. 12, has been in the hospital for the past three weeks.

The reason why Milmoe collapsed remains unknown.

At first it was presumed that a virus attacked his heart, but doctors have determined that this isn't the case, according to the Web site his family updates.

Milmoe is not in a coma but he remains in a vegetative state, according to the Web site.

"His core brain stems are intact but his functions are very limited. It appears he can feel pain and touch," the Web site stated. Doctors, nurses, and his family still do not know if Milmoe can hear them when they speak to him.

Milmoe has been battling with "sympathetic storms" over the past few weeks. The "sympathetic storms" occur when Milmoe has a temperature and his whole body begins to shake and sweat. The doctors have said that when Milmoe opens his eyes or if his body moves it does not "appear to be signs of progress but rather natural physical reactions," the Web site stated.

Milmoe was on a morphine-like drug in patch form to help him cope with the discomfort of the "sympathetic storms." Nurses

have been trying new medicines and different ways to position him to help ease the storms, according to the Web site.

As of Oct. 3 at about 4:30 p.m., Milmoe was transferred from the Brigham and Women's Hospital to the Spaulding Rehab Hospital.

His lungs and his heart are strong enough that he no longer requires attention from the ICU, according to the Web site. He will now receive 24-hour assistance from some of the top brain specialists in the country.

Milmoe began his physical training to help him with the recovery process on Oct. 4.

As far as fundraising goes, bracelets to support Mike Milmoe and his family can be

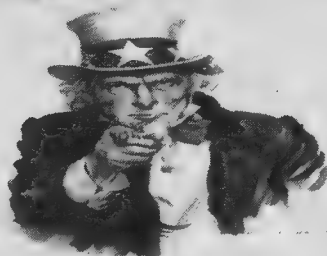
purchased for five dollars through Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, which also conducted a 24-hour grill-a-thon Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.

~ For anyone who wishes to buy a bracelet or to send donations to the Milmoe family, checks or money can be sent to:

Sigma Phi Epsilon  
371 Main St.  
Burlington, VT 05401

~ All of the proceeds will go towards the Milmoe Family.

### PROGRAM BOARD WANTS YOU!!!



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## Letters to the Editor

### A thanks to UVM, from Mike Milmoes' family

By KRISTEN KOURI  
Class of '03

As a recent graduate of the University of Vermont, I am moved by the support and kindness the University has presented to my cousin Michael and his family. I extend my gratitude to President Fogel and Mike's fraternity along with others in the UVM community who have taken an active role in supporting Michael and his family.

Thank you. This incident has created even stronger bonds within our already tight-knit family. The love, support, and prayers are unending for Michael.

Michael is the youngest in our family; the baby. He entered UVM in the footsteps of his sister Meaghan and his two cousins. It comes as no surprise to people who know him that he has been flourishing both socially and academically at UVM.

Michael was excited to have recently joined the Sig Ep fraternity last year. We have no explanation for the whens and whys in life. God works in mysterious ways and there are reasons behind everything. Since Sept. twelfth, I have not started or ended my day without thinking of Michael.

Thank you for the support you have shown to Michael and his family. It has genuinely been appreciated.

### Lavallee's SLAP argument is too narrow

By HELEN HUSHER  
UVM Parent

I read, with interest, Sam Lavallee's argument against livable wages and feel obligated to correct an obvious error. He says, in reference to tuition remission for UVM employees, that the value of this benefit is a "\$130,000 perk."

Tuition remission is one of several things that drives the decision to work in higher education, in part because remission is one way to offset lower pay. But there are other reasons, too, that vary with the individual - personally, I like working with smart people and showing up in my regular clothes. These factors operate outside a purely economic discussion of livable wages, so there's no point in dwelling on them here, but there's nothing to be gained or learned by misstating the book value of tuition remission to an individual employee.

And, finally, because his number is so high, it's possible, and even probable, that Lavallee has confused tuition with the overall cost of attending. They are not the same thing.

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### The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"The devil came here yesterday," and "we appeal to the people of the United States and the world to halt this threat, which is like a sword hanging over our heads."

Hugo Chavez,  
Venezuelan President

## Nazi, idiot, what?

### President Fogel must apologize for his serious misuse of hate speech

Opinion Editorial  
C.W. SOULE  
Editor in Chief

In perhaps the worst blunder of President Fogel's career at UVM, he brought disgrace upon himself and the entire University by using hateful rhetoric to describe the livable wage issue.

At the SGA meeting last Tuesday, Fogel announced that he believed, "nobody but an idiot or Nazi would say they want to work for wages which aren't livable."

A more untactful statement could not have been imagined. That is, until Fogel retracted his statement, saying, "you would be a Nazi or idiot to say that you wanted employees to work for less than livable wages."

Fogel is the executive leader of UVM. Saying that one is an "idiot" or "Nazi" if one does not want to pay one's employees livable wages has placed Fogel into a predicament, for he, as the executive leader of the University, has not enacted a livable wage.

There are currently 256 workers at UVM who do not earn a livable wage. If it is the low paying employer who is the "idiot" and "Nazi," then why does Fogel employ workers below a livable wage?

By the merit of his second statement, Fogel has identified himself and the rest of UVM's leadership as "Nazis" and "idiots."

Why would a Jewish president of a socially aware university such as UVM say such an inflammatory thing about himself, the administration and the board of trustees?

After all, it is the administration and the board that work to determine the wages that UVM pays.

For more than one year, the administration has been stemming student, faculty and staff protests that were staged to demand livable wages, and yet, the president of the University admits that unlivable wages transform employers into sub-par ("idiot") and evil ("Nazi") human beings.

Aside from being extremely offensive, the first statement made by Fogel, that only "idiots" and "Nazis" would want to work for less than a livable wage, illuminates his belief that unlivable wages are indeed wrong and

dehumanizing.

Perhaps this Freudian slip will expedite a livable wage resolution. After all, Fogel has now come down firmly against the previous stance that he and the board of trustees have taken - not bending on livable wages.

The Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines Idiot as, "a feeble-minded person having a mental age not exceeding three years and requiring complete custodial care."

If Fogel's second statement is to be taken as his true opinion, then it is he and the members of the board of trustees who are the incompetent Man/woman-children, in need of full custodial assistance in everything that they do.

In any case, with all of Fogel's intentions aside, the use of the word "idiot" to describe the livable wage struggle has made him seem an insensitive leader.

Although the word "idiot" is offensive, Fogel's use of the word "Nazi" is utterly baffling. "Nazi" is a word that has become synonymous with pure evil, genocide, murder, war, anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, sexism, deranged occult society and fascist authoritarianism.

Although Fogel was wrong to use hateful rhetoric in depicting some employees as "idiots" and "Nazis," his retracted statement is far worse, for it paints the administration as incompetent bigots for not implementing a livable wage.

The literal meaning of the words that Fogel used to describe the employers and some employees of UVM are absolutely abhorrent. "Idiot" and "Nazi" have offensive and hateful denotations.

Why would such a well-spoken and educated man say something so derogatory of other people? Why would that man then change the statement so that it directs the same hateful rhetoric at himself and the leadership of UVM?

Fogel must publicly, openly, and visibly apologize for what he has said.

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# Policies demonize common behavior

By WILLIAM BELANGER

Nietzsche once said, "whoever can't hit the nail on the head should, please, not hit it at all."

The administration at this school has placed its ideology over common sense and good judgment. Students are being harassed and disrespected in order to fulfill a set of long-term goals. When the administration puts their interests in front of the students, the students must step up and demand change, because they work for us.

The people who run this school have the long-term goal of making UVM one of the best public universities in the nation. Tens of millions of dollars were spent on extravagant buildings and campus policies were drastically altered. The administration hopes that the Search For a Cause policy will vanquish the party school image, root out the more extreme partiers, and eventually change the student body to their ideal. But this policy has not "hit the nail on the head."

**Because a student drinks or smokes pot, it does not necessarily make them any less of a valuable member of society**

Under this new policy, the school may enter any student's room without their permission and without a warrant. Another student's word is deemed enough for this search and whether you are doing homework, sleeping, having sex, showering, studying, etc. they are allowed to key open your door and walk right in.

On the first day of school, the first search of this kind was conducted. The search just so happened to be based upon a lie. Because of the lie, the accused student is no longer attending UVM and must pay off \$5,000 in lawyer fees. Already the policy has proven itself to be flawed and unfair to student rights and privacy. UVM's common ground states, "We value fairness, straightforward conduct, adherence to the facts and sincerity."

Does this case seem to be fair, and did the school demonstrate straightforward conduct and adherence to the facts?

This policy is absurd, unconstitutional, and not in line with reality. Although it was supposed to only be used for situations in which a student was in serious danger, it is already being used for mere odor suspicion. Anyone who thinks they can stop, or even reduce student drug or alcohol consumption with a policy like this is a fool.

No matter how it is handled, the University must respect the students at all times and treat them like responsible adults instead of naughty children. Disrespecting the student population will never bring more responsible behavior, and it will only weaken the student-administration relationship.

Because a student drinks or smokes pot, it does not necessarily make them any less of a valuable member of society or any worse of a student, and it certainly does not give anybody the right to disrespect them and invade their privacy.

Since "One drink rape" was published two weeks ago, I've received some criticism with regards to my rhetoric and opinion on UVM's sexual assault policy.

Specifically, Margaret M. Hodder's letter to the editor in last week's *Cynic* issue deems "One drink rape" both offensive and uninformed. While Ms. Hodder does point out some loaded language used in my article, I'm not sure she and I really disagree about the policy.

Ms. Hodder writes "nowhere does [the UVM sexual assault policy] read that a woman is incapable of giving consent after she's had a drink or a puff." While Hodder is right that the policy doesn't define "under the influence of drugs or alcohol" as one drink or one puff, it is only because the policy fails to define "under the influence" at all.

The state of Vermont has a zero tolerance policy with regards to underage drinking and driving, meaning that if a minor blows a .01 he or she is going to jail for a DUI. Does that translate to sexual activity?

If a minor consents to sex and would have blown a .01, is his or her consent invalid?

It is precisely the vagueness of UVM's sexual assault policy that "One drink rape"



SAM LAVALEE: A dose of skepticism

## The problem is a vague policy

attempted to illuminate. It's not as if either party is going to carry around a tool that measures blood-alcohol-content to make sure that their consent is valid before going to bed together.

If my definition is subjective, who decides the definition of "under the influence"?

Because faced with a vague, undefined phrase such as "under the influence," it may be safest to choose the conservative route.

But, when it comes down to our actual opinion on the policy, Hodder and I really don't disagree. Rape is wrong. Anyone who read "One drink rape" and found my opinion to support rapists did not read carefully enough.

### If my definition is subjective, who decides the definition of "under the influence"?

The intention was to point out the ambiguity of the UVM sexual assault policy. How many drinks does constitute "under the influence"? The purpose was to point out that it may be far fewer than an average person would associate with a rape or sexual assault charge.

Later, the column presents virtually a carbon-copy of Ms. Hodder's stance regarding the policy. To quote "One drink

rape," "in general, the stricter the sexual assault policy the better. It's not as if most women are salivating at the opportunity to press sexual assault charges after having two or three drinks followed by some regrettable sex."

The column goes on: "strict sexual assault policies provide women who have: been unknowingly drugged, or, drank a fifth of tequila in an hour, to be legally protected from that creepy guy who keeps smiling at her funny while he's refilling her drink."

Ms. Hodder's experiences at the rape crisis center support my opinion. She writes that: "[one would] never [come] in contact with a person who pressed charges against an

The rhetoric in the closing paragraph of "One drink rape" may be truly offensive to some, and to those people I sincerely apologize.

'Sexis't is not a title that I'm used to being described as, and by no means did "One drink rape" intend to portray women as searching for a sexual assault charge. Rather, the column attempted to emphasize what the policy actually is.

It is a mechanism to ensure that women are safe from sexual predators. At the same time, the policy is quite vague and open to interpretation.

Hypothetically, if a woman (or a man) wanted to claim that her/his consent to sex was not valid, how would her/his partner defend himself/herself in a court of law?

Under UVM's policy, if she/he were to say "I was under the influence of drugs or alcohol when I consented," it would seem like he/she was on a fast-track to the state penitentiary.

"One drink rape" didn't say that this was likely, common, or even unlikely; just that it was possible.

So, let me amend the second-to-last paragraph of "One drink rape." "I'm sorry if I scared the guys, [or offended the women]. I would take the law with a grain of salt. After all, in practice, this law probably makes the majority of sex among college students illegal, [depending on the interpretation of "under the influence]."

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

## Depression is the silent killer on campus

Humor and a sense of detachment are the best ways to logically analyze a subject.

However, there are certain subjects that are necessary to be frank and honest about. Especially when those topics have personal significance.

Clinical depression is a growing issue for college students. 15 percent of the college student population on any given campus suffer from clinical depression or another form of serious mental illness.

The number of students who have been treated for serious depression has doubled in the last five years, while the number of students contemplating suicide has tripled.

A significant part of the problem stems from the environment in which we live as college students.

College is a stressful experience. We are all at a vulnerable age. The demands of an intense workload, having financial worries, and being in a new place are all factors that can cause stress and a fragile emotional state.

Amidst this hectic environment, students are trying to establish their own identity.

As students, we are at the peak age to develop mental disorders. Including depression. What happens to us can be likened to putting an alcoholic in a bar and telling him to act responsibly.

The catch with that analogy is that it's easier to spot someone who is drunk all the time then it is to find someone with a mental disorder.



The problem is identifying the defining characteristics between having a bad week and having a chemical imbalance.

Depression can decrease one's appetite, change one's behavior, cause feelings of anxiety, a lack of sleep, and change friendships. This happens to many college students on a weekly basis.

This problem is worsened by the fact that many students don't know how to identify someone they are close to as depressed.

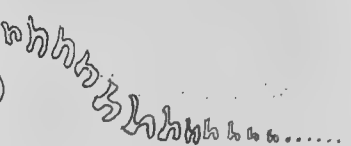
Identification of a mental disorder usually involves a friend or family member noticing changes in behavior.

Students need to be

trained to be able to see the symptoms that require professional help.

Last year, I had a friend from home commit suicide. It was the first time a person I had known closely died.

He was two weeks from graduating, had a 3.7 GPA, a great job lined up, and it seemed to me that he was happy.



I will always think about how I could have helped my friend, or how I missed the signals that should have told me to get my friend some help.

Over 1,000 suicides happen every year on college campuses. Over half of those students that committed suicide did not get any help before they took their own lives.

Depression is not something that you can "get over." It requires professional help and care. The social embarrassment that is associated with having to meet a therapist or a mental health care professional is salient in college communities.

The idea behind being a

college student is learning to become an independent adult. The belief behind this is that if you are not able to control your emotions then how can you control your life?

We have all seen what happens when human beings make decisions based on emotions rather than make rational decisions - chairs get thrown on syndicated television.

Even though I have had family members and friends, even best friends, who have suffered from depression, not one person has asked for help.

The idea that emotions and feelings fade is not true. Everyone can still remember the first time they lost a loved one or had their heart broken.

The difference is that someone with a genetic disposition toward depression feels that way all the time, or has buried their sadness under some form of self-medication (drugs) that only exacerbates the problem.

Mental illness does not produce ocular symptoms. Part of having this illness involves the individual denying that they even have a problem.

With open minds, we must discuss this issue. It is a discussion that has to happen among our friends because it could, and does, save lives.

Short responses to these opinions can be sent to [vcoped@uvm.edu](mailto:vcoped@uvm.edu)



# Add/drop = stress



Overwhelmed? There may be a solution (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

## Add/Drop has got you stressed? A 'W' isn't so bad

BY CHRISTINA TODD

You wake up to realize that the add/drop period is over. Let's face it, the beginning of the semester can be hectic. Who is actually paying attention to deadlines?

Suppose that a class is uninteresting and/or you are doing poorly in it. Not to worry, you are not stuck in the class for the rest of the semester destined for misery and failure. There is always the option to withdraw, placing a W on your transcript.

The add/drop period at UVM is the first 10 instruction days of each semester. Individual instructors can make the decision to cut the add period to 5 instruction days if the material being covered cannot be made up, or if it would be detrimental to a student's experience in the class, according to the 2005-06 online catalogue.

According to university registrar Keith P. Williams, students can petition to the registrar's office for a late add or drop. But there is no clear and accessible mention of this in the online catalogue under general policies and information.

It is stated in the 2006-2007 online catalogue that a student may drop a class after the 10th instruction day only if they were enrolled by an error and did not attend any classes. In this case, students can go through the registrar's office and the instructor to drop the class.

Last year, according to the UVM Faculty Senate minutes, several faculty members suggested the add period should be shortened but the drop period remain the same or even lengthened by a week. Nothing was resolved at that meeting.

### *What exactly is a W and what does it say to those viewing a student's transcript, including potential graduate schools?*

According to Williams, shortening the add period while either lengthening or keeping the drop period would be damaging to those students who could not get into the class.

If students could drop a class but the seats could not be filled because of the shortened add period, there would be classes with empty seats and students without the opportunity to fulfill

their requirements.

From the 11th day of classes through the ninth week, students may withdraw from a class, according to the online catalogue.

In this case, the instructor assigns the student a grade of W and it is recorded on their transcript. But what exactly is a W and what does it say to those viewing a student's transcript, including potential graduate schools?

Lisa Schnell, an associate professor and acting director in the English Department at UVM, is involved in the application process for students applying to graduate school at the University.

Schnell said if it is just one W on the student's transcript and the other grades are good, "I simply assume that there were extenuating circumstances for a brief period and overlook it."

If it is a pattern, it is usually viewed as an indication of a student's inability to follow through, said Schnell. When advising a student to withdraw from a class, Schnell said that it is one W and it is going to take the place of a D or an F on an otherwise good transcript, she would advise the student to withdraw, as long as it is not a pattern.

So do not feel stuck, a W may not be as bad as it sounds.

## Mixology



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# Not News

By Elias Altman



**Random hook-up at basement party leads to awkward brunch encounter**

Brett Delaney and Elizabeth Sanders, who are both freshmen, met for the first time in the basement of a house on Buell Street.

The event, billed via word-to-mouth invitations as "a killer 80s dance party," began around 10 p.m. and went until the police issued a noise violation to the homeowners at 1:16 a.m. Friday Oct. 6.

According to one eyewitness, Delaney and Sanders were first seen speaking beside the keg toward the end of a Madonna song.

Only minutes later, the two were "totally making out and trying to sing along to 'Don't Stop Believing' - that Journey song," friend of Sanders said.

An independent investigation of the iPod playlist reveals that the two songs were indeed played back-to-back.

"They left around 12:30. Brett told me they were going back to her room. They were both pretty drunk," John Anderson, a friend of Delaney said.

The two walked over to Main Street, where Delaney urinated on a parked Jeep, before they proceeded to Harris-Millis Hall.

According to Delaney, the two arrived at Sanders' room where they proceeded, "to start to get it on."

Delaney reports that he "masterfully" removed Sanders' brassiere with one hand and consequently, "had great sex, for a long time."

**According Sanders, the re-meeting was "super-awkward" because "Brett just bobbed his head like a turtle"**

When Sanders was asked if she could corroborate Delaney's story, all she replied was, "the only thing about the night that was long was the amount of time it took Brett to tie his shoes and leave."

Delaney and Sanders met again the next morning as they waited in line for an omelet at Harris-Millis brunch.

"I was just snagging some tatter-tots," Delaney said. "When I saw Liz and so I gave her a casual head-nod, you know."

According Sanders, the re-meeting was "super-awkward" because "Brett just bobbed his head like a turtle" and she and her friends could not help but "crack up."

Delaney said that he later checked her Facebook.com profile and saw that she liked skiing.

"I was going to call her, but, you know, I snowboard, so that would never work out," Delaney said.

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# A STUDY IN GREE

STORY BY KATE MACIEJOWSKI

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## A Typical Burlington Weekend, 1:30 a.m:

The Party I'm At inexplicably gets busted but my friends and I aren't ready to call it a night. "Lambda Iota!" we decide and head off towards the imposing house — let's see if we can't have a little more fun.

Saturday night at Lambda Iota is the usual college frat party. A quick glance shows the expected — a boy-girl chain grinding to some excessively loud hip-hop, copious alcohol, college stupidity reigning supreme and inhibitions soaring out every open window. Some random partygoer — wait. No, that's a good friend of mine — is walking around with a hard hat on. I try to request a song (Sexy Back, of course) and beer is, predictably, spilled all over my feet.

It's pretty much the same party I've stumbled into countless times. Different frat, different people, same experience. Beer flowing like water, people snagging cups from the Beirut table (anything to avoid dishing out five bucks) and a savage make out session in a darkened basement corner.

I walk around for a bit, try to socialize, and eventually realize that there isn't a damn thing worth seeing here. Same old sketchiness I've encountered time and again at one house or another. Yet, as I'm exiting, I realize — every drunk, hazy eyed kid I talked with responded the same: "What? Nah, I'm not a brother here. Say,

can I get your number...?" I ignore their advances and wonder...is it the average college student giving the fraternity a bad name and not the other way around?

The only brothers I could find were guarding entry and exit routes, manning the keg, and letting people know where the bathrooms were. All harmless and, dare I say, noble tasks. Had I not snuck past the door, I would have been carded and charged by a brother.

Greeks across campus have been making every effort to dissuade the commonly held negative stereotype of the fraternity. Matt Clauson, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, explained just what his fraternity has been doing to try and build a good reputation for itself and change its image.

"People's view of frats is that they are like a club," Clauson said. "They come to

*"I believe that Greek Life helps my students become advocates of change. I saw it in myself. It helps them become civically engaged citizens."*

*-Kimberlee Monteaux,  
Director of Greek Life*

the door and say, 'I got five bucks, why can't I come in?'

"It's an image struggle. People don't quite understand that the real purpose of fraternities are to build future leaders."

To the brothers, frat parties aren't a frivolous subject discussed over a Bud and a football game. The Interfraternity Council (IFC), which consists of an advisor and at least one member from every UVM fraternity, meets at the beginning of each year to propose straightforward guidelines for any social gathering they wish to host.

The IFC Risk Management Protocol states, "all guests under the legal drinking age of 21 must be clearly marked as underage on the guest list. In addition, all guests admitted to events where alcohol is present must be clearly marked as being underage."

In my experience, these precautions are not strictly enforced. If they were, freshmen everywhere would be very bored come Friday night. Yet, most of the brothers that I spoke with attested that the guidelines were indeed enforced.

Someone isn't being realistic.

One anonymous frat brother doesn't hold the infamous parties in such high regard.

"They are crowded, noisy, chaotic events. They involve a lot of dancing, usually done by people [who live] outside the house. The people who come to the parties have more fun than the brothers," he said.

This raises the question — why bother with parties? Tradition, recruitment, something to do — all viable reasons. However, any consequences stemming from "events" are brought upon the chapter by themselves alone. Frat parties





# GREEK MYTHOLOGY



give Greek life a bad name, but only by their own choice. There is no rule making hundred person parties mandatory.

The frat brothers themselves are stereotyped just as much as the organization that they represent. The same anonymous brother spoke candidly of his fellows.

"My overall opinion of frat brothers is that they are good, respectable kids. But for the most part have social issues."

Good, respectable kids who occasionally take part in the casual paddling session or the ever popular "Brokeback Mountain Party."

Clauson commented on the issue of hazing, commonly associated with Greeks.

"It's too bad that it still goes on," he

"Being a part of Greek Life isn't something you can understand until you join," Monteaux said in response to the stereotype that many students have for frat brothers.

The sense of togetherness ("Mission Milmo" being an excellent example) is a major draw for many who choose to rush, despite stereotypes.

"Being in a fraternity is like having a home away from home," Clauson said. "These are all the guys who will be at my wedding and probably my funeral. We go out of our way for each other."



Lambda Iota, polarized (Stephen R. Hausmann/Vermont Cynic)

said. "There's the point of view that [hazing] might be necessary to build brotherhood, but there are other ways to build that relationship, such as team building activities. Once they're in the fraternity, we all have to work together and everyone has a job."

The Greek system was founded in 1776 as a secret society, a brotherhood of handshakes and confidential rituals. Considering the storied, mysterious history of these clubs, hazing is a disturbing facet of the system, but not a surprising one.

Kimberlee Monteaux, assistant director for greek life at UVM, and Phi Sigma Sigma sister, believes that past mistakes are the major cause of the Greek's bad wrap.

"A long time ago some people just messed up. Unfortunately, we're still paying the price," she said. "I believe that Greek Life helps my students become advocates of change. I saw it in myself. It helps them become civically engaged citizens."

It is true that some fraternities are committed to good causes. Sig Ep have undertaken "Mission Milmo," a fundraiser to gather funds for brother Michael Milmo, who was stricken with a rare illness last month.

"You have to think outside the box to go Greek," Monteaux said. "These students have taken an oath to be held to a higher standard and they realize that when they decide to join."

This "higher standard" is part of the reason why fraternities and sororities have a reputation — exclusivity is a turn off for many students.

"Some people think they won't be able to make it no matter what so they just shy away from joining," remarked freshman Anastasia Joseph.

Frat boys aren't always the meathead, sex crazed fools they're often made out to be. There are meatheads everywhere — for every meathead frat boy there's a meathead hippie, a meathead skater, a meathead nerd and a meathead indie kid. Yet, despite fraternity members holding themselves to a "higher standard," the negative outlook on frats remains, both outside the system and, more tellingly, within.

"I joined because I wanted to be more 'involved' on campus and be a part of a greater organization," the anonymous brother said. "But as it turns out, the frat

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keeps me from doing a lot more things on campus that I would like to do. In all honesty I would probably not have joined after seeing what it's like. I've grown out of the frat."

There are truths buried deep within every stereotype; ugly, harsh facts among the generalizations. For all the good that Greeks do, the image of the party loving, beer swilling, stuck up brother remains. Not every member fits the bill, but if this particular brother can "grow out" of the system, others may not be far behind. Until then, the "Animal House" image will carry on and

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# Broadway vet portrays hunger and hope

## One-man play brings discrimination issues to the forefront

By SARAH POSILLICO

Charles Holt looks you directly in your eyes when he talks to you.

"I call myself contagious," he says with a smile. Indeed, he is.

Holt, a Broadway veteran, performed "Black Boy," a one-man show based on Richard Wright's autobiography of the same name, Oct. 4 at Ira Allen Chapel. "Black Boy," going into its sixth touring season, was a phenomenal way to express inspiration, gratitude, hope and healing to the country after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Holt said.

An all-star athlete who never aspired to be a performing artist, Holt has had starring roles in "The Lion King," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Sex in the City," "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," and was even the first African American to play Rocky in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"I love the stage. I love creating characters," Holt said. "The stage is magical; it's fresh, it's uncut. It's heaven."

Growing up in the South, there were many parallels between the experiences of Holt and Wright. Holt saw the same racial discrimination and segregation in the 1980s that Wright experienced in the 1920s and 1930s. Although "very subtle and not as overt...it was still cutting because you thought 'we're

removed from it," Holt says. "It's the ugliest thing you've ever seen."

"Black Boy" displays the themes of poverty, segregation, violence, discrimination, hope, and most importantly, hunger—both physical and mental.

Through Holt's profound portrayal of the innocence of childhood, the violence of adolescence, and the constant theme of hunger, "Black Boy" proves that "it's not about color" but simply a "lack of human communication."

It's the universal message of "American hunger" which Holt stresses. "Black Boy" serves "as a universal vehicle for inspiration and empowerment. Its power lies within its ability to touch the human spirit with the theme of hunger; a hunger for having our own voice and self-expression," Holt said.

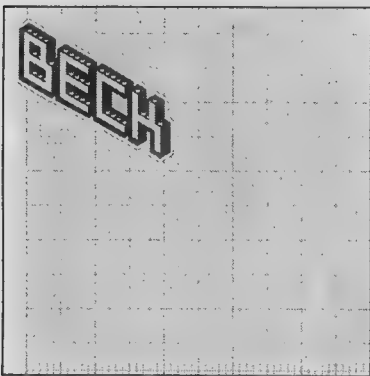
For students, Holt hopes "Black Boy" will "cause critical thinking and a willingness to take on the possibility of oneness in the world."

"Life is to be lived through the eyes of openness and willingness, not the eyes of fear," Holt said. "But this is just my voice."



A congenial Charles Holt performed "Black Boy" at Ira Allen (courtesy of charlesholtproductions.com)

## Critical thinking: musical musings



### The Information (Interscope) Beck

Since his breakthrough single "Loser" in the early 90s, Beck has established himself to be an eccentric genre-bender and, at times, outrageously experimental.

"The Information" makes little effort to distort those views. The 16-track album, complete with do-it-yourself stickers to customize the album cover, takes the listener on a trippy, transcendental ride.

Expectedly, Beck includes voice samples and computer generated sound effects on his seventh disc. The majority of which are based on a backdrop of lively percussion beats, allowing him to keep a steady pulse in which to weave in and out the innovative tone for which he's known.

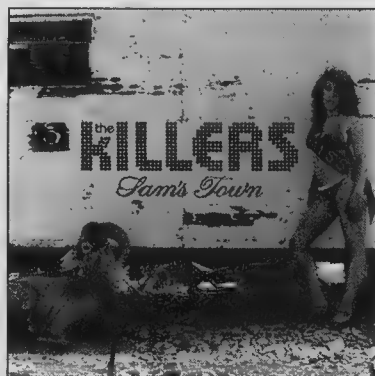
"Elevator Music" jumps immediately into a quasi hip-hop experimental electronic beat and absurd lyrics—but it's a comfortable, emotive dive. The tempo continues to move up and down through the tracks of the album, keeping an enjoyable pace.

"We Dance Alone" and "Cellphone's Dead" almost definitively implore you to pop a glow stick into your mouth and start a mini-rave in your room, while "New Round" expresses the loss of a day's significance: "Lessons of the day/On a blackboard night/Seem to be erased," Beck sings.

Beck raps too—and gets away with it as usual. "Dark Star," "We Dance Alone," and "1000BPM" showcase Beck's unique rhyming technique, which seems unorthodox at first, but it's nothing new for the man with two turntables and a microphone.

So, hey! Even though Beck is a practicing Scientologist we won't be placing him in that group of Californian sell-outs anytime soon, or ever, as "The Information" informs us.

—CASEY PALMER



### Sam's Town (Island) The Killers

"Sam's Town" is desolate. The Killers' latest disc is evocative of the band everyone used to know, but with a different feel. The poppy, techno-influenced, stadium-rock that made them a household name is more of a whisper on the new LP.

The guitar presence is a little heavier, the album cover is Foo Fighters-esque, and apparently they've all grown beards. What happened? It's as if "Hot Fuss" wasn't a success and they felt their image needed altering—but why mess with success?

The Killers' former hits, "Mr. Brightside" and "Somebody Told Me," made the top of the charts in the United States and the United Kingdom because of their upbeat sound. It was that sound that made them famous, played everywhere from middle school dances to nightclubs.

Though most of the lyrics on "Sam's Town" would still be all too appropriate for middle schoolers ("Reminds me of you and I baby, at one point in time/And just like a river, like a river flowin', into a waterfall"), the tone just isn't the dance club material that the public fell in love with before.

If "Sam's Town" portrays a band that wants to be taken more seriously on their second go-around, it's probably because they do—but their obnoxiousness remains without the entertainment factor.

Sorry Mr. Brightside, there won't be much of a "Hot Fuss" over "Sam's Town."

—JORDAN THORSON

# Whiskey fights, identity theft and brotherly love

## Dark comedy adaptation brings debauchery to its audience

By THOMAS PAYEUR

Beer cans and tissues litter the floor, chairs are upturned and whiskey bottles lie dead on the table. The scene looks like the leftovers from one hell of a party.

Welcome to the world of Sam Shepard's "True West." The setting is actually a kitchen shared by two brothers, who wrestle with ideas of love, hate, envy and each other—and smash loads of stuff in the process.

"It's rock and roll theatre," director Stephan Golux said. "Shepard tells it like it is."

Along with producer Mark Nash, it's Golux's first attempt at this Shepard classic.

"It's one of my favorites," said Nash. "I've always wanted to do it ever since I saw [John] Malkovich play one of the brothers back in the 80s."

"True West" follows two brothers—the younger a screenwriter, the older a desert rat—and their struggles to possess each other's lives, Nash says.

One wishes to have his brother's free will and natural senses while the older wants to profit on his brother's talents.

Fistfights erupt continuously as the brothers are pitted against one another. And when they fight, they know how to scrap: Pots, bowls, silverware, cabinets, a telephone, a typewriter, beer

cans, and pretty much anything else they can get their hands on are thrown about the stage. At one point a fire is started.

During the melee the audience is less than a foot away from the action.

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"The audience has a personal response," Nash says, describing the events that mirror something like a Gallagher show. "They're so close. I mean they could get hit with some beer."

Although the onstage antics can be considered funny, Nash explains that this is a dark comedy. The slant he took with this piece is to accentuate the core of the brothers' relationship—they do love each other despite the outward hate.

Golux, who's had a relationship with Burlington for decades, thinks "True West" is a signature piece for the Burlington audience. "I groove on the social scene here," Golux said.

An interesting aspect of this play is how Golux has melded the scene changes into the play itself. Where there would usually be dark lighting and a break from action, a plot along with sub-characters and music accompany the scene change—a touch Golux added himself.

"True West" is a piece that is easy to follow and entertaining—not that it's watered down, but it takes you on a ride of debauchery without having to think too hard, Nash says.

"True West" will be showing from Oct. 11-29 at the Flynn Space. Tickets can be bought at the Flynn theatre.



The Vermont Stage Company rehearses at Flynn Space (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)



# Machines master show mechanics

STAFF REPORT

The big beat rock trio, Secret Machines, delivered a monstrous show Friday night at Higher Ground. Punctuated by a stellar light show and a circular stage that placed the band among the audience, their sound was all encompassing--slamming their reverberations into the ears of the audience. Drummer Josh Garza spoke with *The Cynic* about the trio.

**VC: You guys are from Texas and moved to New York. Are you a Texan or a New Yorker?**

**JG:** That's interesting. I was born in Texas. I've been living in New York for the last six years. If anything, my family is from Mexico. If anything I'd consider myself Mexican--blood is thicker than water.

**VC: But no need for labels--they tend to get people in trou-**

ble.

**JG:** Seems like it.

**VC: Rolling Stone has called you "a blend of psychedelic Led Zeppelin and Who-inspired choruses. Is this something you guys agree with?"**

**JG:** I think the truth of the matter is we are coming from that era of rock n' roll where a good pop song didn't necessarily have to be a weak song. Zeppelin had great songs and they were poppy and catchy, but they rocked. And you know, I think we're trying to do that.

It seems like nowadays it's just so...it's either f---ing death metal, heavy metal or just f---ing lame pop.

**VC: "Ten Silver Drops," as a whole, seems more melancholy than the all out heavy rock of "Now Here is Nowhere." Does it reflect your recording process at the time?**

**JG:** We did exactly what we set out to do which was push people to have an opinion about it. I mean, your f---ed if you do, f---ed if you don't. We wanted to try something different--we were somewhere else in our live and the whole point of the record is to document where you're at, at that particular moment. It's gonna sound different, it's gonna feel different. People are gonna have an opinion about it and it's like, that's the whole point. That's what art is supposed to do.

**VC: Your covers of "Girl From the North Country" and "Money (That's What I Want)" are intriguing. What were you guys trying to bring to these renditions?**

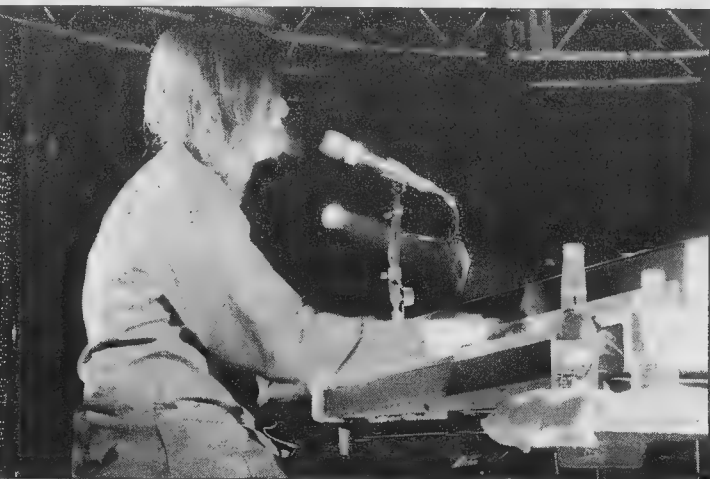
**JG:** The truth is, those songs are incredible songs. It's twofold: Here's a song that we really, really, really love by an artist we really care about...so we have to reinterpret it so that people who are familiar with the song and the artist can still get off on it... and can at least see it for something different. Because nothing's worse than hearing a song and it's like, 'God, this sucks, who ruined this?' We just don't ever really want to do that.

**VC: Would you consider yourselves a live band or a studio band, if you had to pick one or the other for the rest of your career?**

**JG:** We like both. They're two different things. It's like photography: you have color and then you have black and white photography. They kind of feed the



Drummer Josh Garza cranks the set Saturday night at Higher Ground (SimoneLaBonté/Vermont Cynic)



Brandon Curtis pounds the keys and sings during Friday's show (SimoneLaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

other. The live thing is a lot of fun and there's a lot of energy and songs are reinterpreted...but there's things you can't do on stage that you can in the studio. In the studio there's a level of experimenting with the song structure, the frequency, the method, the style that you want to record it in. We try to use the studio as another instrument.

**VC: What are you listening to right now that you're really**

getting into?

**JG:** Right now I like the new TV On The Radio. I think that's good. I like The Futureheads' record that came out this year. There's this band from Japan called Boris. They have a great record. The Raconteurs. I kind of dig that record. I think I always got annoyed because I thought [Jack White] was kind of good and cool and wrote good songs but I always wished he had a good band.

## Film Festival lends a breath of fresh air

**Environmental and human rights issues to head film festival of student and professional works**

By JOHN LANDRY

The Vermont International Film Festival, being held on Oct. 11-15 at Burlington's new Waterfront Theatre, features 37 feature-length films and 22 short films by filmmakers from all over the world. The festival emphasizes human rights and environmental issues through the medium of film.

"We'll give awards for best documentary, best narrative, best experimental, and best animation," Mira Niagolova, executive director of the VTIFF said. "And it's not for the awards, I think it's a venue where we give an opportunity to young filmmakers to be exposed."

In addition to the 59 pictures

being shown, there will be screenings of 25 student films from five different Vermont schools: Burlington College, Champlain College, Middlebury College, St. Michael's College, and the University of Vermont. Each school will submit five

The screening of the student films will be held on Oct. 11 at the Waterfront Theater located at the bottom of College Street.

"The interesting thing is that the colleges around the state are so different from each other and the perspectives of the students

different genres, styles, approaches, and this year we decided to be more distinctive about the awards."

Students are also eligible for the Gold Stone Award, given to the best emerging Vermont filmmaker by the Vermont Film Commission.

This year the festival will introduce a new program called Cutting Edge Into Films, which features narrative films that will address issues of social concern, but in a broader fashion than most of the other features at the festival.

Niagolova says one of the goals of the VIFF is to make an impact by "bringing non-commercial forms of cinematic expression to the public attention." This is no easy task, but the VIFF has worked hard to maintain their independent stance.

"It's working. It's very hard

but it's working. It is difficult to maintain integrity and your mission in a very, very commercial world, which is a world of enter-

tainment," Niagolova says.

"We're trying to do our best and so far we haven't compromised and I don't think we will. And I think people now are more open to independent, non-commercial perspectives of the world than a few years ago, Niagolova said.

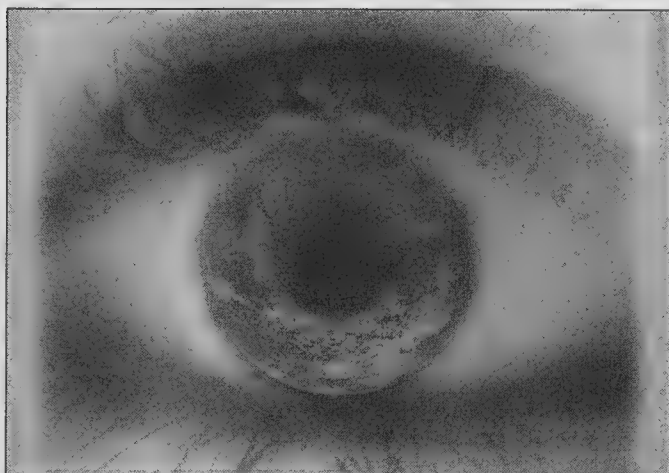
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- Mira Niagolova, VTIFF

Executive Director

"I think people are tired of Hollywood and commercial films, and they look for opportunities to see something different, and I think the Festival is a good place to do that."

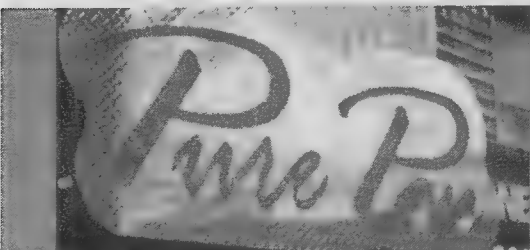
Tickets can be purchased during the festival at the Waterfront Theater Box Office. For more information visit [www.vtiff.org](http://www.vtiff.org).



This year's theme is "Images and Issues of Global Concern" (courtesy of [www.vtiff.org](http://www.vtiff.org))

films and will be judged by a panel that includes two representatives from each institution.

are very different as well," said Niagolova. "We end up with very nice and vibrant group of films,



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# Cousteau screens enviromental films, implorres student action

## Filmmaker shares worries of habitat destruction

By MEREDITH RIVLIN  
Senior Staff Writer

It is no surprise that Jean-Michel Cousteau was thrown overboard by his father at the age of seven. In fact, it is to be expected.

What may be surprising to some, however, is the effect that deforestation is having on the

world's endangered coral reefs.

On October 5, Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of filmmaker and explorer Jacques Cousteau, shared his knowledge and his video footage with an enamored audience at Ira Allen Chapel.

But his speech was not care-free. As Cousteau spoke of the world's bombardment by the "communication revolution," a cell phone rang, literally setting the tone for the evening as nothing but bona fide.

Due to topsoil runoff (an effect caused by the abundance of deforestation in the world), coral reefs everywhere, which

Cousteau refers to it as his "playground," are being destroyed, literally choked. While these coral reefs are tourist attractions for certain nations, 70 percent of which are developing countries, their destruction will cause the economy of these nations to "go down the drain," Cousteau said.

Cousteau asked, "How can we protect what we don't understand?" and stressed that we should "manage nature like you manage a business...and if you live off its interests [it can] keep us going forever...today we are heading toward bankruptcy."

Aside from discovering new species of marine life with almost every dive, Cousteau and his team have discovered an old practice of humans—an island of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands that is "inhabited by its debris...a history of our garbage."

Cousteau does not know how this debris, from 52 different identifiable countries, is being scattered. But he does know that it is doing severe damage to the real inhabitants of the island—the animals.

He shared with the audience a video of his trip to Kure, the island of debris at least 3,000 miles away from any civiliza-



A scene from Cousteau's film, "Voyage to Kure," spotlights coral reef as a major environmental victim

tion, and as he approached one of many near-decomposed bird carcasses, he proceeded to pull out non-decomposed items from the remains: a lighter, a leather sole of a shoe, a glow stick and some fabric, to name a few.

But Cousteau does not let this issue float by. After screening his two-hour specials on PBS, he was invited by President Bush to share his information at the White House. After Bush's optimistic "let's get it done," he helped to create the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument:

"140,000 square miles—the largest protected ocean area," Cousteau said.

"Young people have no right to not do something...[we need to] sit down and have dialogue with decision makers. That is the only way to make a difference," Cousteau said, stressing the fact that anyone can make a difference.

"Our trees above water, are what the coral reefs are below," Cousteau said. And, metaphors aside, the two are apparently desperate for help.

## More musical musings



### The Medicine Planet Asia

Fresno, California's Planet Asia has the prescription for wack hip-hop with "The Medicine."

One half of Cali Agents (the other half being Rasco), the MC's newest disc caps off his trilogy project (the first two being "The Sickness" and "The Diagnosis") with confident insightful flows and tight, forceful beats.

Dilated Peoples' Evidence produced every track on the album and does so with symphonic, electronic and disco-style samples that are underscored by resounding drum backbones, lending to the creed that it's hard for seasoned veterans of the game to fail when they collaborate.

Shrewd lyrics and a smooth delivery help too. "The Medicine" is not only for your ears, but for the mind as well, as Asia alludes to curing society's ailments: "rules of a revolutionary, I believe in totality/whatever's in the mind can be easily brought to reality/in all actuality, I'm the cream of the earth and father of your Adam tree/and it can all be proven mathematically."

Not to say that there's no malicious deviance to be had on this record—it's not all so politically driven. The hottest beat on the LP, "The Medicine," is backed up by more street-centered lyrics of violence and coming up in the game, with a reference to Planet Asia's own race and religious persuasion, and his reliable shotgun: "all brand new would be the black Jew, n----s can't f--k with my view/how I maneuver through, lickin' off at your Subaru/then my bark turns pit bulls to Scooby-Doo."

Other standouts tracks include "Over Your Head," featuring Black Thought (The Roots) and "Stick and Move" featuring Prodigy; as if Planet Asia even needed big-name help on "The Medicine."

-DAVE SACHS



### The Crane Wife The Decemberists

"Indie" no more, The Decemberists' major label debut (having signed with Capitol last winter) has the quintet forging ahead from 2005's decent though at times overdone, "Picaresque."

With traditional Decemberists fullness of sound, "The Crane Wife" has Colin Meloy and company venturing away from folk rock and into the complex, lengthy waters of prog-rock.

But despite venturing to new places, The Decemberists retain their signature lyrical style. A lullaby about murderous hordes, a tale of forbidden love, and laments on a torturous war—classic all high light the Decemberists sound and can be heard on "The Crane Wife."

The most striking feature of the album however, are the 10 minute and longer epics "The Crane Wife 1 and 2" and "The Island-Come & See/The Landlord's Daughter/You'll Not Feel The Drowning." Title matching song length, the latter weaves and bends from acoustic guitar-driven build up to a Yes-like keyboard solo at the climax.

"The Crane Wife 1 and 2" and "The Crane Wife 3" make up the "heart" (as Meloy called it in a recent interview) of the album. Based on a Japanese folk tale, the three-part saga (divided between two songs) tells of a crane rescued by a peasant and, well, Meloy wouldn't approve of spoiling the surprise, but finding out for oneself is anything but a chore.

As usual, The Decemberists weave their stories into catchy, joyous melodies and coat them in a lush instrumentation including accordions and an upright bass.

One of the most consistent bands today, The Decemberists win another battle in the war against musical boredom with "The Crane Wife."

-STEPHEN R. HAUSMANN

## Rock and soul are their cup of tea

### Tea Leaf Green to jam at Higher Ground

By SARAH POSILLICO

Tea Leaf Green has "got a little bit of soul/got a little bit of rock 'n' roll" that tends to awe fans. Their last album, "Taught to Be Proud," catalyzed their recent explosion into the jam scene.

"I think that our music has a lot of energy to it," vocalist and bassist Ben Chambers said.

With the Song of the Year Award from this year's Jammys under their belt and the upcoming release of their new album and DVD, "Tea Leaf Green:

Rock 'n' Roll Band," TLG is going to hit Higher Ground Oct. 16 with insightful music and lots of energy.

TLG manages to maintain their sincere love of playing music and displays it to the crowd through their lyrical depth, though keyboard player and vocalist Trevor Garrod recently told Jambands.com, "We are not the most sophisticated players. ...we like more of a simplistic rock and roll approach."

*"Being an artist, I get a lot of wealth through playing music"*

Regardless of their method, the ends justify the means, for according to Chambers, "being an artist, I get a lot of wealth through playing music," he said.

TLG's music is a blend of folk, jam, rock, and soul which, according to Chambers, will give the audience "pretty rockin," pretty high energy music. [It's] also groovy in a sense you can dance to it," Chamber said.

TLG's aim to be energetic and to get the crowd to participate always elicits an enthusiastic response from the fans and keeps them coming back.

Getting the momentum going and the people into a frenzy, with a set list that's going somewhere is just one of the ways to get the crowd involved, said Chambers, who tries to "get a scene and make it pop."



From Left, drummer Scott Rager, bass and vocalist Ven Chambers, keyboardist and vocalist Trevor Garrod, and guitarist and vocalist Josh Clark



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## Apple Crisp

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
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- shortening to grease the pan
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- 3/4 c. flour
- 3/4 c. rolled oats
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 1/4 t cinnamon
- 1 1/4 t nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350.° Place sliced apples in greased 9"x 13" pan. In a large bowl, mix the rest of the ingredients to a crumbly consistency. Sprinkle over apples. Bake for 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown.

## The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZIWICH





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FORUM**  
2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.  
Waterman Memorial Lounge  
338  
Amazon and Vermont:  
Featuring talks by Michael  
Heckenberger, John Crock,  
Eneida Campos, Jennifer  
Burtner, Janet Whatley, Juan  
Maura, David Scrase, David  
Jenemann, Keri Bristow,  
Akilah Clarke, and Patricia  
Delaney

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
3:00p.m.  
Centennial Field  
Admission: \$5 Adults, \$3  
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**GOD AND GAYS**  
6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.  
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**NO BOUNDARIES: FILM  
NIGHT**  
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**OCTOBER 13  
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1:00 p.m.  
Moulton Winder Field

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
1:00p.m.  
Centennial Field  
Admission: Adult \$5, Students  
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**MEN'S HOCKEY**  
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Centennial Field  
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## THE LOOPER

AUSTIN DANFORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

### The Chosen One

Give up. It's no longer subject to debate. The prophecy is coming true. Tiger Woods is the Chosen One. If no one else has claimed him, I am doing it right now.

Tiger Woods is Neo, he is Luke Skywalker, he is Harry Potter. If he doesn't do the impossible, no one will.

When it comes to statistics, Mr. Woods' sole focus is the 'W.' He is not concerned with the money list (which he leads), or scoring average (the lowest, at a disgusting 68.73 strokes per round) or greens in regulation (which he leads), or birdies and eagles (which he also averages more of than any other golfer out there), and certainly not driving distance (7th place at, oh, 300-plus yards a whack).

The guy just goes out there and wins...a lot. Eight times this year to be exact, including his last six in a row. That's six in a row for the second time in his career.

Reeeeewind. The guy is 30 years-old.

Golf wise, Tiger has done more with his first 30 years than anyone before him, more than golf gods like Nicklaus, Palmer, Hogan, Snead, or Jones.

In 30 years he has gone from child prodigy to pro-extraordinaire. Since leaving Stanford as a skinny 21 year-old and joining the PGA Tour in August 1996 he has won 54 times.

He has earned roughly \$76 million from those first-place checks and hundreds of millions more from endorsement deals.

And as far as "W's" go, he isn't gunning for the John Deere Classics and B.C. Opens of the PGA Tour. Tiger's sole focus is on winning major championships. The record for those is 18, set by Jack Nicklaus at age 46. Tiger has 12; two-thirds, in half of the time.

But oddly enough, the talk this year isn't about his performance in the majors; he won two and finished third in another. He even missed the cut at the U.S. Open, on a hellacious Winged Foot course, which is in and of itself a huge story.

The talk this year is about his current win streak. After his win in the American Express Championship on Oct. 1, Woods is once again halfway to breaking the late Byron Nelson's streak of 11 straight PGA Tour victories.

A perfectionist, the likes of which Bailey/Howe residents hold seething envy for, his general disposition towards his performance is nonchalant and dismissive. There is always something that he didn't do well.

Just so you understand, here is an all-too-realistic hypothetical:

Reporter: "Tiger you won by 15 strokes this week. You looked perfect. How do you think you performed out there?"

Tiger: "Yeah, I was playing pretty well. I mean, I won, but that missed birdie on 12 was just a poor stroke and I really should have hit the fairway on 15.

"And on 17 I took too much off the 4-iron approach shot and didn't make it all the way to the second tier - I just got lucky when I dropped the 40-footer for eagle." The assembled crowd of reporters groans sarcastically.

But seriously, no one else consistently performs at his level. During those periods where he comes back down to earth, he appears merely normal, mortal, and I daresay beatable.

A two-win year for Tiger is perceived by the media as a down year. For any other player in the world, that's a successful year, if not a banner year. When we say he's "slumping" he actually is, in a way. It's a slump for him and him alone. We could call it a "Tiger slump."

Ultimately, the more six-, seven-, eight- and nine-win years Tiger churns out, the more those two-win years look like also-rans.

No one else in the history of golf has experienced success at the rate he has, save maybe Nelson who won 18 tournaments in 1945. That's no typo. That record is up there with DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak and Cy Young's 511 major league baseball victories as ones that will never be broken.

I could say quite confidently that Tiger won't win 18 tournaments in a season, mainly because he only enters about 18 or 19 PGA tournaments each year.

I could also say that he won't win his next six PGA tournaments, making it a tidy 12 in-a-row, and consequently breaking Nelson's record of 11 consecutive PGA Tour victories.

But let's be honest, who's to put it past the Chosen One?

# Cats battle #10 BU to draw

## Defense shines in rain soaked game

By JOSH APPELBAUM

In the midst of a constant afternoon downpour, Sunday's America East matchup between the University of Vermont women's soccer team and Boston University ended in a 0-0 double-overtime tie.

Boston University, currently ranked 10th in the national poll, ran into a solid defensive Catamount squad that nearly ended the Terriers' perfect record in America East conference play.

"We are very proud of the effort by the team today," head coach Kerry Dziczkaniec said.



### Next Home Game:

Thurs. Oct. 12  
vs. Hartford  
@ 3:00 p.m.

In the first half, the three time defending America East champion Terriers dominated a resilient Catamount club.

Playing much of the first 45 minutes in front of the umbrella laden bleachers at Centennial Field, the Terriers outshot the Catamounts 5-1 but were unable to capitalize where it matters most--on the scoreboard.

"The team responded well from our Albany game," Dziczkaniec said. "They came out mentally and physically prepared, which is a credit to their commitment to excellence. As a result, they had a great all-around performance and we were able to create many opportunities on the #10 ranked team. They played with a lot of heart and

pride showed their true colors."

In a game where positioning was crucial on a sloppy, mud soaked field, the Catamounts dodged their greatest first half bullet in the 12th minute when BU forward Casey Brown launched a shot above the head of a leaping Eliza Bradley. Luckily for the Cats' freshman goalkeeper, the ball deflected ever so slightly off the top of the Vermont goal.

Offensively, the Catamounts were baffled by the aggressive containment of the Terrier defense, unable to muster any sustained offensive pressure until nearly the 16-minute mark of the first half.

The second half saw play open up more, with both teams looking to take advantage of the soaked field.

BU had a good chance but freshman Farrell McClernon was stopped by Bradley on a point blank attempt in the 30th minute. Visibly retreating, the Catamounts dodged another bullet as a breakaway attempt from Terrier Lauren Erwin sailed high and wide.

Finally showing a sense of urgency, the Catamounts regrouped and began to dictate offensive play. Senior forward Cassandra VanLeeuwen, playing with a Tedy Bruschi-like reckless abandon for loose balls and slide tackles, helped to infiltrate a once seemingly impenetrable Terrier defense.

VanLeeuwen nearly put Vermont on top several times but BU goalkeeper Stephanie Dreyer was equal to the task.

Rejuvenated and determined, the Catamounts had their

best chance in regulation when sophomore Kaitlin Francis broke through the Terrier defense and had an open look at the goal but her shot was denied by the diving goalkeeper.

In the final seconds of regulation, the rain-soaked Centennial crowd held its collective breath as BU forward Marisha Schumacher-Hodge beat Bradley to a loose ball in the left side of the goalie box.

However, Schumacher-Hodge, off balance and sensing time's expiration, could only muster a weak attempt at the open goal.

As overtime began, conditions deteriorated severely. Vermont won the coin toss and dictated play in the Terriers' zone, outshooting BU 4-1 in the first overtime period.

The game nearly ended in a 1-0 Catamount victory but Vermont freshman Carson Lauderoute, taking a breakaway feed perfectly in stride, was robbed by Dreyer.

The game remained scoreless into the second overtime. Boston University carried play throughout the final period but was unable to beat a stoically contained Bradley, who made sure the contest finished a draw.

Bradley, continuing her incredible play of late, racked up six saves and her third shutout in the last four games. For Dreyer, her four saves resulted in her ninth shutout of the year.

Boston University remains atop the America East conference at 9-2-2 (2-0-1). Vermont now stands at 3-6-2 overall and 1-1-1 in conference play.

# "Walking is over-rated"

## Wheelchair basketball raises money for NDAA

By JASON FIDLER  
Staff Writer

On Thursday, the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association (NDAA), in conjunction with UVM's Student Athletes For Equity (SAFE) and Program Board held a wheelchair basketball tournament, preceded by speaker Matt Glowacki.

The two-pronged event, held at the indoor track in the PFG athletic complex, was devoted to raising money for the NDAA. Through contributions made by the wheelchair basketball teams and other donations, the NDAA received \$610.00.

"The event was exceptionally well-attended," NDAA President Patrick Standen said. "Most of the seats were taken during Matt's presentation and there were plenty of teams for the tournament. It was great to see."

Glowacki's presentation, entitled "Walking is Over-Rated," was a humorous anecdotal lecture on the viewpoint of a person born without any legs.

"I like to lie," Glowacki said to open his presentation. "I tell kids [when they ask about having no legs] that I was staring at a kid without legs, and then a big puff of smoke came I had no legs."

Glowacki talked for about an hour on growing up without any legs, and how his condition has affected what he wished to do with his life. In essence, as Glowacki often pointed out, having no legs has not affected his life prospects at all.

"People think I have a huge disability. I really don't," Glowacki said. "I believe that there are people here in this audience that are living with greater disabilities. [My success] is not because I'm in a wheelchair. It's because I'm the person I am."

Glowacki was born in Wisconsin in 1973 and in third grade, in compliance with state regulations, he was forced to wear prosthetic legs, and in ninth grade he was put in a wheelchair.

"People always talk loud and slow to me," Glowacki said. "Ignorant men between the ages of 18 and 32 come up to me and give me money."

After Glowacki's presentation, teams took the court for the wheelchair basketball tournament. The fun-spirited tourna-

ment included a couple teams representing University of Vermont fraternities.

Although the wheelchair basketball tournament was a success, Standen feels that UVM can do a lot more to promote disability awareness.

"[UVM] really drops the ball with adaptive or disabled athletics. Many major Universities actually front and support their own wheelchair basketball teams," Standen said. "The perspective of people with disabilities has been lost or ignored by the broader campus community and events like this help to provide students with that voice."

Glowacki also sees the importance in promoting competitive wheelchair athletics.

When asked what he wishes to accomplish with events like these, he responded "[I hope to] introduce competitive wheelchair sports to people as a very interesting and fun sport for everyone, and educate them on the benefits of setting high expectations for people different than yourself."

For more information on the NDAA, visit their Web site at [www.disabledathletics.org](http://www.disabledathletics.org) and for more on Glowacki and the work that he does visit his Web site at [www.mattglowacki.com](http://www.mattglowacki.com).

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# Danielle Collins

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ication has really shown as [she has] come back and truly performed this season."

Growing up in Walpole, Mass., Collins was surrounded by field hockey and field hockey fanatics.

"It's a huge field hockey town," Collins said. "The high school team won nine state titles so I was sort of talked into playing because that was just what you did. After a week long camp I hated it, but I guess it grew on me."

Incorporating field hockey into her three sport athletic career in high school, Collins excelled and was recruited to UVM, where she, "hit the ground running," Houghton said.

In 2004 during her freshman year she tallied 14 total points and then doubled that number, scoring 28 points her sophomore year. With 28 points scored in one season, Collins ranks fourth overall at UVM. As of Oct. 5, she had scored 23 points this season, according to Athletic Communications.

So far in the 2006 season Collins scored three goals and had two assists in the opener against Lock Haven. She assisted a goal in the game against Providence and scored twice in the Sacred Heart game.

In the win over Miami (Ohio), Collins managed two goals and one assist. She scored a goal against Davidson and gained an assist in the win over

Cornell. In the most recent game, Collins scored one goal against Louisville.

"What makes Danielle so effective on the field is her ability to eliminate her opponent in any one-on-one interaction," Houghton said. "She takes on each situation and combines her stick skills with her speed to push past everyone."

Trying not to be taken out by the goalie, Collins said she just hits the ball her hardest and prays that it goes in. With all the off-season practice and her competitive nature, she wants to continue to bring what she has been doing to the team.

"Nothing is done by one person," she said. "If the team is dedicated and having fun, we'll

connect and be successful."

Collins' competitiveness and ability to not only challenge her opponents, but her own team, helps the team as a whole strive toward their goals, Houghton said.

"We all take it one game at a time," she said. "Once Danielle as well as the team reaches one goal, new ones will develop, which will lead to more progress in all aspects of the game."

As a junior, Collins has yet another year with the team and she is excited to see what she as well as the team can continue to bring to the plate.

"We're always getting a year older and better," Collins said. "Besides constant improvement, what more could you ask for?"



Danielle Collins controls the ball during a game this season  
(Ben Dickie/Athletic Communication)

~NFL~

## Week six predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

### Game of the Week

#### Philadelphia at New Orleans

This will be a great test for two teams with playoff aspirations. The Eagles have played great on offense and always have a potent defensive attack while the Saints have been riding an emotional high through the first part of the season.

If New Orleans can maintain their energy and electricity at home, they will be able to challenge Philadelphia. The game will be very close and the Eagles have the playmaker in QB Donovan McNabb to win tight games. Final 24-20 Philadelphia.

### Best of the Rest

**Carolina at Baltimore** - With the return of wide receiver Steve Smith the Panthers have seen a resurgence in their team. But going into Baltimore almost guarantees a loss for most teams. The Ravens stout defense will shut down Carolina. Final 17-13 Baltimore.

**NY Giants at Atlanta** - The Giants have been hot and cold all season and it will be very interesting to see which team shows up on Sunday. Atlanta has relied heavily on the run this season so expect New York to stack the line and make QB Michael Vick

pass, which is not his specialty. Final 31-24 New York.

**Houston at Dallas** - The battle of Texas will be the best game in years with the Texans starting to play competitive football. But the Cowboys are Super Bowl contenders and will not let the new kids on the block stand in their way. Final 27-17 Dallas.

**Tennessee at Washington** - The Redskins are picking up steam every game and will bulldoze right over the rebuilding Titans. Tennessee has turned over the reins to rookie QB Vince Young who will get a rude welcome in the capital. Final 34-13 Washington.

**Cincinnati at Tampa Bay** - The Bucs were supposed to be competitive this season but after losing QB Chris Simms to a spleen injury they have had no offensive attack. The Bengals, on the other hand, have enough offense for two teams with QB Carson Palmer and RB Rudi Johnson. Final 27-10 Cincinnati.

**Miami at NY Jets** - The Jets, under new coach Eric Mangini, have been playing every game with a distinct purpose. The Dolphins, on the other hand, have looked lost this season and will get bum rushed when they arrive in New York. Final 20-6 New York.

**San Diego at San Francisco** - The Chargers were supposed to have a dropping off after the

departure of QB Drew Brees, but it has not happened, as San Diego has looked better than ever. The lowly 49ers will not stand a chance. Final 27-10 San Diego.

**Oakland at Denver** - So far this season the Raiders have been one of the most disappointing teams in the league. They have played uninspired and have thrown away many a lead. Against the Broncos they will have to play extremely tight just to stay in the game and then they will probably still lose. Final 24-3 Denver.

**Chicago at Arizona** - In the Bears' first night-game this season they destroyed the defending NFC Champion Seahawks. On Monday night they will face a disappointing Arizona team. New QB Matt Leinart will get a quite an awakening from Chicago's ferocious defense. Final 34-13 Chicago.

### Upset Special

**Kansas City at Pittsburgh** - The Steelers have yet to prove themselves this season. They have played up and down and QB Ben Roethlisberger has not looked himself. The Chiefs are a hard team to beat because of their offensive potential. Look for Kansas City to shock Pittsburgh at home. Final 24-20 Kansas City.

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## Men's Soccer

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Freshman T.J. Gore goes for the ball  
(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

chances.

The Catamounts broke through in the 99th minute off of a corner kick when junior Justin Geibel sent the ball into the box to Connor Tobin, who chipped the ball over to freshman T.J. Gore who buried the ball in the upper left corner of the net.

"T.J. has learned so much and he is really developing into a threat in the conference," Cormier said.

"We are finally hitting our stride when we need it, and our work is paying off," Gore said after his heroic goal.

Gore's golden goal was his third of the year and lifted Vermont to a 7-4-3 overall record and 4-0-1 in America East. The loss drops Hartford to 3-5-4 (1-3-0).



# Cats break ice with win

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

The Vermont men's hockey team used great special teams and stellar goalkeeping to win the Ice Breaker Tournament in Oxford, Ohio.

Going into the tournament the Cats were the only unranked team in the field, but that did not matter as they won both of their games in convincing fashion, outscoring their opponents 10-1.

On Friday night Vermont blanked #14 Colgate 6-0 behind 23 saves from junior Joe Fallon, who recorded his 12th career shutout, and four power play goals.

The Cats, who were worried about scoring coming into the season, jumped out to an early first period lead on goals from senior co-captain Kenny Macaulay, senior Tom Collingham and sophomore Kyle Kuk.

UVM put away the game in the third period when sophomore Peter Lenes added two goals and fellow sophomore Dean Strong scored his first of the season.

On Saturday night in the championship game the Cats used a strong second period, in which they scored three times, to knock off the #8 Miami (Ohio) Red Hawks on their own home ice.

Vermont got goals from sophomore Corey Carlson (two), junior Torrey Mitchell, and freshman Colin Vock and 31 saves by Fallon.

The win moved the Cats to 2-0 on the season and gave them their third straight regular season tournament title dating back to last season.

The University of Denver, ranked #9, beat Colgate 3-2 in the consolation game.

The Cats open the season at Gutterson Fieldhouse on Saturday Oct. 14 against conference foe Northeastern at 7:05 p.m.

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Vermont sophomore Lee Stephane Kouadio leaps over the Hartford goalkeeper during the Cats 1-0 victory in overtime  
(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

# Gore's goal wins it

## Freshman's tally downs Hartford

By NICK DECARO  
Cynic Correspondent

T.J. Gore's dazzling overtime goal on Saturday electrified the crowd of 1,107 and kept Vermont unbeaten in America East play.

On a pristine fall afternoon for Homecoming, the University of Vermont Catamounts defeated the Hartford Hawks 1-0 in the first overtime to send the crowd home pleased.

"I'm happy with the win today. It felt good to pull through in OT, and we are headed in the right direction," head coach Jesse Cormier said.

UVM came out shaky to start the first half, which saw Hartford generate the majority

of the chances. Vermont's young back line was able to tighten up, and overcome the absence of senior captain Corey Bronner with solid play from sophomores Will Haywood, Connor Tobin, Jake McFadden and freshman Nick Mead.

Junior goalkeeper Roger Scully did his part by keeping the Hawks from getting on the board, posting his sixth shutout of the season.



### Next Home Game:

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Hartford's defense was equal to the challenge set forth by the Cats, making it tough for UVM to get their explosive offense going.

UVM did have a few quality chances in the first

half, but was not able to capitalize on them. Sophomore Jordan Crasilneck pressured the Hartford defense into misplaying a ball and he was able to beat the keeper, but a heads up defender cleared the ball from danger to keep the game scoreless.

In the middle of the first half, junior Danny Broughan moved into the box and fed Crasilneck, who volleyed the ball out of the air and over the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Matt Glaeser, but just over the bar.

Towards the end of the half freshman Dominic Chapman sent a ball into junior Tyler Hasman who took a shot that was knocked away by the keeper, sending the game into halftime scoreless.

Vermont held a 5-3 advantage in shots at the half, but Hartford was able to turn the tide in the second half when they outshot the Catamounts 5-2.

The second half was again dominated by strong defense from both sides as both offenses were often bottled up.

Vermont turned up the heat late in the second half when sophomore Lee Stephane Kouadio danced down the sidelines bringing the crowd back to life with one of his signature moves to beat a defender, but he could not keep Hartford from clearing the ball.

With a minute left in regulation, the Catamounts produced their best chance in the half off of a free kick. The ball was sent in, headed into the air, but an incidental handball spoiled Vermont's chance.

Vermont kept up the pressure, outshooting Hartford 5-1 in the first overtime, producing quality

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Danielle Collins has led UVM to a 6-5 record this season  
(Bill DiLillo/UVM Photo)

# Collins leads field hockey

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Cynic Correspondent

Even if it means sitting on a crate and hitting around a ball while the rest of the team runs drills, Danielle Collins, even injured, will not get off the field.

For this field hockey player, dedication is what the game is all about.

She has learned to balance her academics, majoring in middle level education, and has given up the majority of her social life to be a member of a team, not to mention coming back full force from an injury last season.

"She is completely engaged in every aspect of the team, on and off the field," head coach of the UVM field

hockey team, Nicki Houghton, said.

A junior, Collins has been improving drastically during her three years on the team.

She was named to the America-East All-Conference First Team and All-Tournament Team in the 2005 season and was named to the America East All-Conference Rookie Team in the 2004 season and is currently second the America East Conference in points per game (2.3).

That impressive number ranks her 18th in the country. She is joined in the top 45 by teammates sophomore Maegan Luce (18th) and junior Kelly McClintock (45th), according to Athletic Communication at UVM.

She is in fifth place all-time in scoring with 65 points at UVM. Collins is also third in assists with 17 and seventh in goals scored with 24. Her 23 points this season rank her as the ninth-highest point-scorer in a single season in Vermont history, according to Athletic Communications.

"I go to all the individual training sessions with coaches, all the practices, and all of the lifts," Collins said. "During the off-season I'm constantly trying to get better physically and pushing myself to my physical limits so that I can perform during the season."

Despite an ankle injury and the resulting surgery she dealt with in the past season, Collins retains such a strong self motivation. Her performance does not reflect any hint of the injury and she helps to develop a hard-working team dynamic for everyone, Houghton said.

"Her drive to work through her injuries was remarkable," she said. "She was constantly engaged even if it did mean sitting on the side and feeding the balls to her teammates; she was constantly in the game even if her body couldn't be out on the field. That ded-

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# A university grieves

**A week of worry and investigation ends with Friday's tragic discovery of Gardner-Quinn**

By C.W. SOULE  
Editor in Chief

Heaving sobs filled the air in the Burlington City Hall when three friends of Michelle Gardner-Quinn stifled their cries into each other's shoulders as they leaned against the wall in a tight huddle.

In the entrance of City Hall and outside the doors on the steps, UVM students were talking into cell phones with downcast heads, choking out words between gasps of air, tears running down their faces.

"We received a telephone call that folks not related to our search had discovered the body," Burlington police Chief Thomas Tremblay said at a press conference in the Burlington City Hall on Friday afternoon.

Gardner-Quinn's body was discovered by a group of hikers at approximately 1 p.m. Friday on Dugway Road in Richmond, Vt. The road winds along a stretch of the Huntington River, known to swimmers as "The Gorge," and had not yet been searched, Tremblay said.

On Friday afternoon at the Huntington Gorge the air was dry and cold, making the breath of the Forensics Team workers billow from their mouths as they furiously scraped at the forest floor with metal tools, meticulously combing for evidence.

The announcement of Gardner-Quinn's death came after one week of investigation following her disappearance in the early morning hours of Saturday, Oct. 7.

According to Gardner-Quinn's childhood friend and fellow UVM student Tommy Lang, Gardner-Quinn and a group of friends had been out Friday night celebrating the 21st birthday of their friend Dorsey Kilbourn.

That night, Lang and Gardner-Quinn left the OP bar on North Winooski Avenue with another friend, Mike Means to go to JP's bar on Main Street, Lang said.

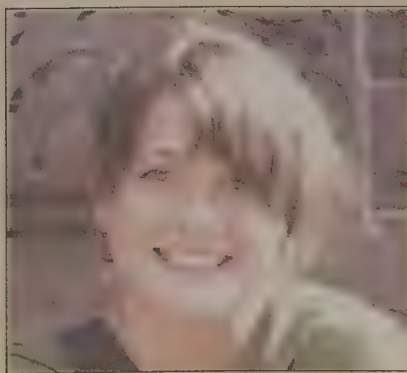
Gardner-Quinn left JP's alone to meet up with Kilbourn in front of The Ski Rack outdoor gear store on Main Street. "Dorsey [Kilbourn] had her phone on vibrate, so she never heard the calls," said Julia Martin, a friend of Gardner-Quinn who had also been out that night celebrating Kilbourn's birth-



UVM community members pay their respects during a candle light vigil on the University Green (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

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## Campus reels, but remains resolute



Michelle Gardner-Quinn on Friday (Courtesy of Burlington P.D.)

**How the University is coping with tragedy**

By KATE MACIEJOWSKI  
Cynic Correspondent

Last Friday, Oct. 13, students and community members were shocked by the outcome of UVM senior Michelle Gardner-Quinn's disappearance. Since the report of Gardner-Quinn's death was released Friday afternoon, feelings of anguish and sorrow have rankled on both the UVM campus and across the city of Burlington.

Immediately following the news that

Gardner-Quinn's body had been discovered, students, faculty and community members mourned the loss together in a candle-lit vigil on the campus green.

Photos of Gardner-Quinn were placed by the fountain near the center of the Waterman Green and many of the people who gathered left flowers to show their remembrance of Gardner-Quinn.

"I think the whole Burlington community is just floored by this and saddened that it could happen here," UVM junior Stephanie Goodrich said. "You just never know. You never know no matter where you are. This world is full of twisted people."

After a weeklong search of Burlington and the surrounding areas, the UVM community tried to remain hopeful that police leads would result in the safe return of their fellow student.

UVM sophomore Lauren McGonagle hoped that Gardner-Quinn had simply decided to take some personal time and go elsewhere. "I've had the inclination myself just to sort of take off and go somewhere," McGonagle said. "I was really hoping she had a whim to go away and she would turn up somewhere safe."

As the week progressed, McGonagle

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# Gardner-Quinn

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day.

Lang received a call from Gardner-Quinn on a stranger's phone at 2:15 a.m., making Lang the last person to speak to Gardner-Quinn before her disappearance.

"I talked to her and I couldn't get in touch with Dorsey, so she was like, OK, I'm just going to go back to the dorm then," Lang said.

The phone that Gardner-Quinn borrowed to call Lang was owned by Brian Rooney, 36, of Winooski, Vt.

Rooney, although identified by Lang on Sunday, Oct. 8 in an interview with *The Cynic*, was not officially identified by the Burlington Police as a suspect until a press conference Friday afternoon.

"A short time ago, Rooney was arrested and is currently in police custody on charges unrelated to the disappearance of Michelle," Tremblay said.

Rooney is being charged with sexual assault and lewd and lascivious conduct with a child. These charges were uncovered by an investigation into Rooney's connection to Gardner-Quinn, but the charges are not related to Gardner-Quinn's death, Tremblay said.

According to Essex County court records, Rooney was named in a bank foreclosure action in 2000 that involved property owned by him and his ex-wife in Gilman, Vt.

According to records in the Burlington Vermont District Court, Rooney was charged with at least four

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counts of driving while his license was suspended. The most recent of these charges was in 2002, when he was also charged with disorderly conduct by traffic.

Rooney was found guilty in both of the 2002 charges.

Tremblay said last Saturday that he was sure that Rooney was the right man for the sexual assault and lewd and lascivious with a child charges brought against him. Rooney will be arraigned on Monday, Oct. 16 in the Caledonia County District Court, on Main Street in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

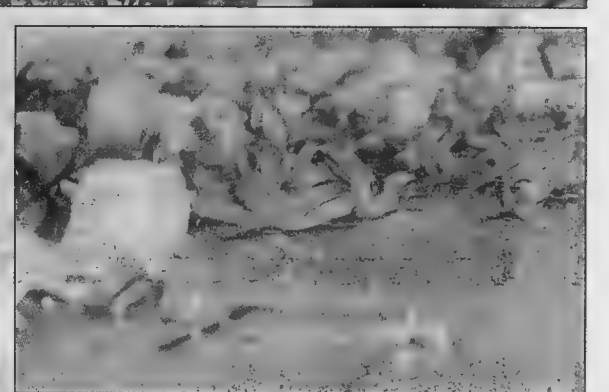
Gardner-Quinn's disappearance was made public to the University on Sunday, Oct. 8 when UVM Police Services sent out a mass e-mail notifying students of the safety alert.

A week of investigation followed Gardner-Quinn's disappearance, with official leads including Rooney and another white man in his 20s, described as six feet tall with blond hair and one disproportionately large nostril, according to police reports.

The blond man was reported to have yelled at a woman from his white Subaru-like car at 2:35 a.m. Sunday morning. The blond man asked the walking woman to get into the car, according to police reports.

On Tuesday, the Burlington Police Department released a statement saying that they "have received a number of helpful leads that have sent the investigation in a specific direction."

That Tuesday the Burlington Police Department used a K-9 team to search a house in Richmond, Vt. that is connected to Rooney. The search of that property did not produce any new evidence, Tremblay



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Police search a home on Spruce Street and South Union Street (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic); police and rescue officials at Huntington Gorge, where Gardner-Quinn's body was found (Austin Danforth/Vermont Cynic); ribbons and whistles for those who attended the Public Safety Forum at Ira Allen Chapel on Oct. 12 (C.W. Soule/Vermont Cynic); investigators at the scene on Spruce Street (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic); forensics specialists and state police examine the scene by the Huntington Gorge (Austin Danforth/Vermont Cynic)

said.

Beginning on Wednesday morning, Gardner-Quinn's brother and other UVM students organized search teams that scoured Burlington for clues into the disappearance of Gardner-Quinn.

**"We are not done yet"**  
-Chief Tremblay

On Thursday, images obtained from a Main Street jewelry store security camera were released to the public, showing Gardner-Quinn and Rooney walking up Main Street in Burlington at 2:34 a.m. the previous Saturday morning.

Search teams began to fan out more on Thursday, searching many new locations, including the Route 15 corridor and

also Oakledge Park and North Beach in Burlington, according to police reports.

On Friday morning, the Burlington Police Department said that they had obtained Rooney's red Jeep Grand Cherokee and were searching for any new leads into the whereabouts of that Jeep between 2:34 a.m. Saturday and the following Monday morning.

Friday afternoon Burlington police searched a house on the corner of South Union Street and Spruce Street in Burlington. Rooney is a construction worker and may be connected to renovation of that house, Tremblay said.

"I guess this guy Brian [Rooney] had his car parked on South Union," Lang said.

Burlington police brought in a bulldozer to excavate the property around the house on South Union and Spruce. No

evidence was discovered from that search, Tremblay said.

That same Friday afternoon Gardner-Quinn's body was discovered at the Huntington Gorge and Rooney was arrested for sexual crimes that are unrelated to Gardner-Quinn's death and that occurred before her disappearance, Tremblay said.

"Officers are working between 12- and 17-hour shifts," said Burlington police Lieutenant Kathleen Stubbing last Thursday night at a community safety forum held in the Ira Allen Chapel at UVM.

"We have to order officers to go home," Tremblay said at the safety forum.

"The investigation takes a significant turn now, it is almost like a new investigation starts," Tremblay said last Friday afternoon. "We are not done yet."





Peers silently clung to their candles at the vigil held on Friday Oct. 13 at the University Green (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont



Community members gathered around one of the fires at Friday night's vigil (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

## Reaction

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feared that the disappearance could only end adversely. "I think all of us were pretty certain that after a while with no contact something awful must have happened," she said.

The tragedy has caused many students, both male and female, to question how safe the city of Burlington really is.

UVM freshman Ben Weis previously thought nothing was unsafe about a female walking alone late at night, yet now in light of what has taken place, he reconsiders his previous indifference. As for the safety of Burlington in general, Weis said that the city feels less safe now, but that "only time will tell."

UVM President Daniel Fogel assured the campus community of his continued commitment towards safety, both within the UVM campus and in the city of Burlington.

"Ours is a close-knit and very caring community," Fogel said. "We continue to feel that it is a relatively safe one, on and off-campus, but our regular reviews of campus programs to support public safety will gather urgency from this tragedy."

Since it appears that the incident occurred on Main Street in downtown Burlington, many students can relate to the situation of walking up to campus at night.

***"Regardless of whether people knew Michelle, I think they should all try to take something from this and learn from the experience"***

- UVM junior Troy Ault

Goodrich, who works at the downtown bar Red Square, was seen on the same video surveillance cameras as Gardner-Quinn only minutes later.

"It shows her walking by at 2:34 [a.m.] and at 2:45 [a.m.]. You see me and my co-worker walking up the hill," Goodrich said. "It just was so scary and disturbing that I was that close to the situation."

In an effort to discover the whereabouts of Gardner-Quinn earlier in the week, many students aided the search in any way that they could. Some students assisted police by distributing missing posters around Burlington neighborhoods while others looked around for articles of clothing or accessories that may have been Gardner-Quinn's.

In addition, a group was created on Facebook in an attempt to increase awareness of Gardner-Quinn's disappearance and to provide photos to aid the public's search.

The group's discussion board now holds messages of love and prayer for Gardner-Quinn and her family.

The incident has left many students and community members wondering what the next step will be in approaching the subject of violence against women.

LuAnn Rolley, director of the UVM Women's Center, believes that it is very important that we don't forget Gardner-Quinn in the coming months and years.

"We need to strategize about ways to move forward and collaborate with and mobilize students around issues of violence in our community," Rolley said. "This is a national and global crisis and we need to make that visible on campus."

Fogel believes that, most importantly, the campus community should continue to take care of themselves and their friends while showing their love and support for Gardner-Quinn and her family.

"In mourning Michelle, we should also take some solace in knowing that, in the words of her mother to me, she was 'blossoming at UVM' and we should look forward to the time when we begin to emerge from grief and can focus on, and celebrate, her special qualities, above all the vitality and warmth that made her so many friends in her brief time as a member of the UVM family," Fogel said.

On reflection of this past week's events, UVM junior Troy Ault expressed hope that the Burlington community will meditate on this and remain safe in the future.

"Regardless of whether people knew Michelle, I think they should all try to take something from this and learn from the experience," Ault said.



# SGA deals with disappearance

## SGA's meeting discusses how to respond to the disappearance of UVM student

By TOM PAYEUR

The gavel swung down and a loud crack resounded within the small confines of the SGA meeting room. A resolution stating the SGA's heartfelt wishes for the return of Michelle Gardner-Quinn had just passed.

Between a visit from congressional candidate Peter Welch and a resolution regarding cage-free eggs, the issue of the Senate's stance regarding Quinn was discussed for more than two hours in the SGA meeting on Oct. 10.

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Shortly after, a resolution focused on creating a task force that would improve campus safety was tabled, due to its vagueness.

Following this, an emergency resolution committed to the safe return of Gardner-Quinn was brought before the table. It was a resolution meant to outline the specifics of the incident and would be sent as a formal letter of regards to Gardner-Quinn's family.

"This isn't proper to send to the family," Senator Sarah Sachett said. "Perhaps we could send a card instead."

"The resolution is a statement of the SGA's opinion," Senator Sam Maron said with enthusiasm.

The votes were taken, and the resolution did not pass.

Using Robert's rules of order, the code of conduct that the SGA follows, the campus safety resolution was brought up once again. A motion to reconsider was called to order by a Senator who had previously voted against the resolution, allowing the resolution to be looked at again.

A heated conversation ensued. After a rush of questions and friendly amendments, the gavel was brought down and a 10-minute recess was ordered.

The resolution was finally passed, noting that the Student Action Committee would focus its main priority on campus safety issues.

ty issues.

Yet again, a motion to suspend the rules and move back to emergency business was requested by Senator Sean Haggerty. Shock and exasperation was mirrored in the Senators' faces as the motion was called to vote. It did not pass.

"Right now it is on record that we are not wishing for Michelle's safe return," Maron passionately interjected.

Whispers and shocked looks floated around the room as he

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### Corrections from Issue 7, Oct. 3

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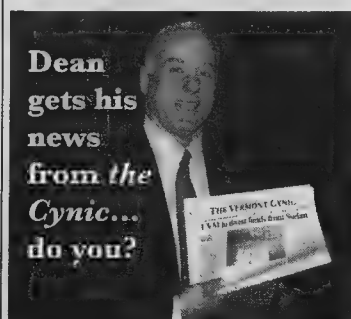
On page six, in the 16th paragraph of the editorial "Nazi, idiot, what?" the phrase man/woman child was incorrectly capitalized.

On page 10, in the feature "A study in Greek mythology," the photo outline of the leftmost photo should have read: Photo illustration (Dave

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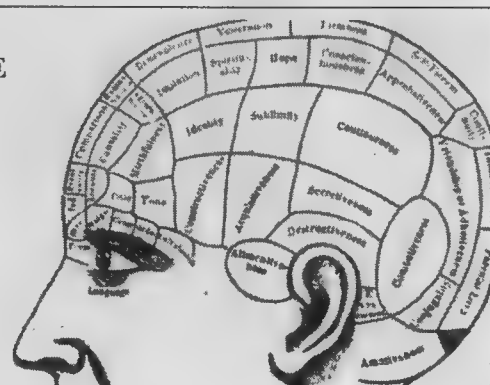
On page 10, in the fifth paragraph of the feature "A study on Greek mythology," the keg was not actually observed by the writer.

On page 11, in the last paragraph of the feature "A study in Greek Mythology," the sentence should have read: Until then, the "Animal House" image will carry on and the parties will rage long into the night.



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spoke and Senator DaVaughn Bryan clearly mouthed "stop him!" several times across the room to President Seth Bowden, who was acting as speaker for the night. After a moment's hesitation, Bowden slammed the gavel down, silencing Maron.

A motion to rescind, or rethink, the motion to go to emergency business was brought up by Senator Emma Grady. This time, it passed.

Senator Scott McCarty explained the new resolution. "It's a resolution for the safe return of Michelle," McCarty said.

"It will not be sent to her parents. This is only for our records," Maron added.

At this point, Senator Harry Mallory brought up the issue of why this would need to be placed

in the records. "A student had a heart attack a while ago, but we didn't pass a resolution then," Mallory said. "We agree this is bad, but we can't give everything to everyone."

The resolution passed soundly.

"I think it's fair for [Mallory] to wonder why resolutions like these weren't passed before, but not why this resolution is being passed now," first-year Margot

Friedman said.

This was an issue of grave importance where the entire community was involved, said first year Matt Zeppieri. "I agree with [the resolution] being passed," Zeppieri said.

Bowden ended the two and a half hour-long meeting with sincere congratulations. "I think at the end of the day we did the right thing by passing these two resolutions," Bowden said.

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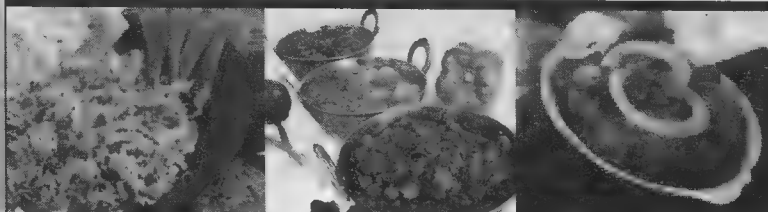
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# Verizon plans to drop VT

**Forum discusses the effects Verizon's sale of land lines in Vermont will have on the future of the state**

By LAURA PEDRO  
News Editor

Verizon Communication's proposed \$3 billion sale of 1.6 million local access land lines in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, is generating uproar among both employees and community members.

Over 60 people gathered at Burlington High School Tuesday night, for the "Stop-the-Sale" forum led by Congressman Bernie Sanders, to discuss the impact of Verizon leaving Vermont.

The sale was described as both unethical and illegal by Kevin Peres, Communications Workers of America telecommunications policy expert, who called Verizon's tactics, "rural [telecom] redlining."

The sale would only affect Verizon's land phones and internet services, not cellular service.

Peres said there are three main risks Vermont faces if Verizon leaves the state: decreased economic development, decreased consumer satisfaction and accessibility, and workers losing jobs and benefits.

Whether Verizon is allowed to sell its access lines in Vermont rests upon the decision made by Vermont Department of Public Service, said DPS Director of Telecommunications Division Chris Campbell.

According to state law, the sale or transfer of any power, water or phone services are regulated by the DPS, said Mike O'Day, district vice president for CWA Local 1400 and a Verizon employee.

Peres warned that Verizon leaving would put "the economic future at risk, for the nation and the state...broadband is the future, it is now."

**Verizon's sale "could leave us [Vermont] as road kill on the information superhighway"**  
-Mike Spillane

IBEW business manager

Following years of sales in Vermont, "Verizon has taken its profits from here and invested them elsewhere," said Mike Spillane, business manager of IBEW Union Local 2326.

Spillane said that Verizon's sale "could leave us [Vermont] as road kill on the information superhighway."

# Sanders-Tarrant debate

**Sanders and Tarrant go blow for blow in WCAX's heavyweight senatorial debate**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

On Sunday Oct. 8 the theatre of Winooski High School was packed to capacity with people in either red or yellow shirts out to support their candidate for Vermont's U.S. Senate seat.

"I will be a voice of moderation to help bring Democrats and Republicans together as a team for the good of the country," said Republican candidate Richard Tarrant in an opening statement at the WCAX-TV News debate with his opponent, Independent candidate Bernie Sanders.

Marselis Parsons, news director of WCAX-TV and Channel 3 news anchorman, was the moderator of the debate.

Tarrant won the coin toss and chose to open first and close last.

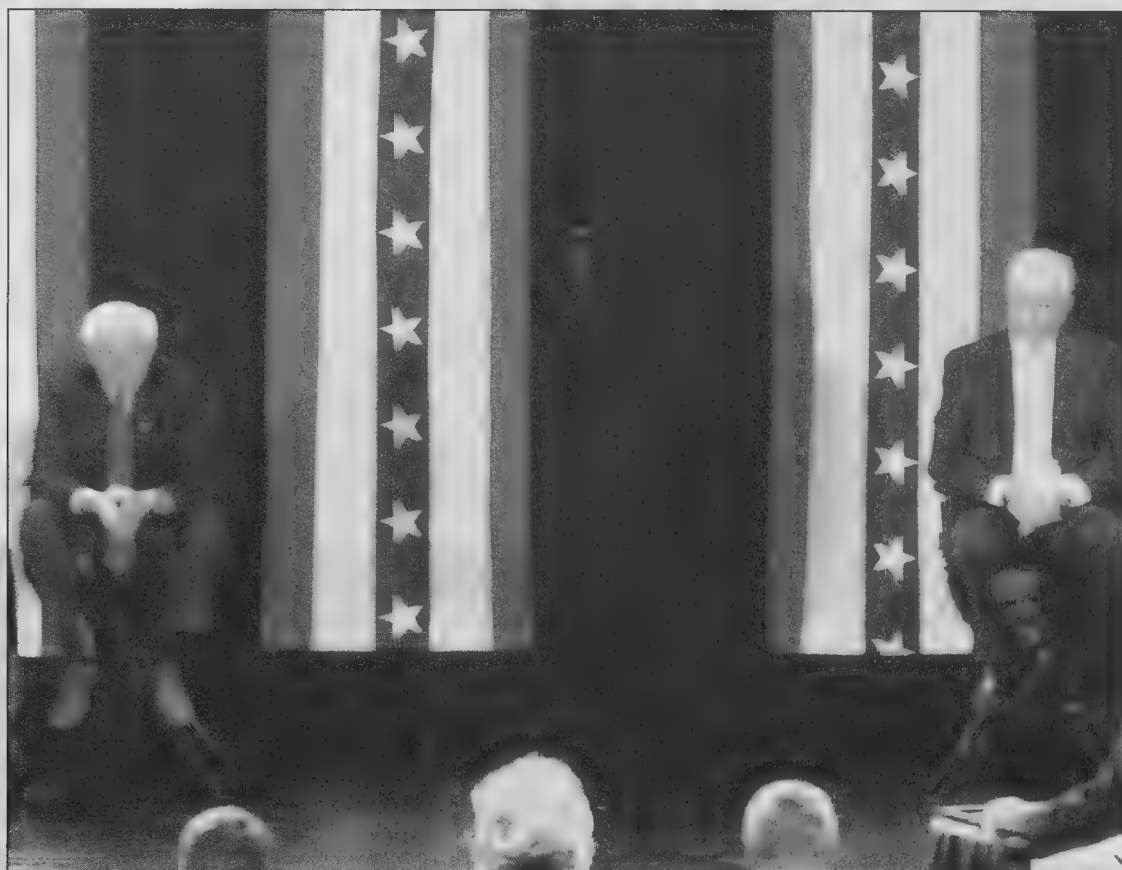
"Mr. Sanders seems to like to talk about blame," Tarrant said in his opening. "Tonight...you will hear him blame corporate America...the wealthy...[and]...the Republicans. Blame is about the past and finger pointing."

During the debate, Sanders did sometimes hold President George Bush and the Republican congressional leadership accountable, but he did talk about the future of the country as well.

"We are a great nation," Sanders said in his opening address. "There are enormous things that we can do when we work together."

"As your United States Senator, I will not be a follow-up, I will be a leader," Sanders said.

Between the candidates' opening and closing statements was the meat of the debate. Four panelists selected by WCAX-TV alternated in asking the candi-



Sanders (left) and Tarrant (right) at the WCAX debate in Winooski (Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)

dates questions.

The first candidate had 90 seconds to respond to the question, while the other candidate was allotted 25 seconds of rebuttle, in order to fit the debate into its hour-long time slot. Candidates alternated answering each question first.

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Political science professor Garrison Nelson, of the

University of Vermont, attended the event and commented on the quality of the content of the debate.

"I would have to say every key issue that could be covered in an hour...was covered," Nelson said.

Candidates had their own vision of America's future regarding each issue.

and business, which proved useful when addressing prescription drug, employment and education issues.

"In terms of presentation, Richie wasn't intimidated by Bernie," Nelson said.

Sanders, true to his reputation, was not shy in expressing his opinion.

"Gas prices are going down, and here's my prediction: they're going to continue to go down until Election Day!" Sanders said.

One of the panelists reminded everyone of Sanders' lead in recent public opinion polls, but Nelson believes that this has no effect on Sanders' campaign.

"You can never convince Bernie that he has the election in the bag," Nelson said. "[He] always campaigns like he's on the edge of losing. He's a tireless campaigner and he won't take anything for granted."

"It's Bernie's election to lose."

said that she doesn't see "a guarantee that any change will be a positive one." On the contrary she believes, "any change will be for the worse."

"It would be great if we could all just be farmers, but it's not possible...I want there to still be jobs here when I graduate," she said.

While most people at the forum expressed their wishes for Verizon to stay invested in Vermont while increasing the prevalence of broadband internet across the state, Campbell was concerned as to whether this option is feasible.

In some ways the situation seems to be lose-lose, Noppler said. If Verizon stays, it could mean a continued lack of broadband availability in Vermont.

The overall sentiment of the forum, though, was expressed by O'Day, who said, "It's a message to Verizon that we want you to stay."

Though Verizon states on its Web site, "No company has committed more resources to deploy broadband networks and services than Verizon," many people at the meeting disagreed.

The lack of availability of high speed internet access in rural Vermont was also discussed.

Lynda Fairbanks traveled to the forum from Castleton, Vermont to express her disappointment with Verizon. She explained to the group how after moving 1.5 miles down the road she lost high-speed internet.

Kristi Pelletier, a Verizon employee who lives in Highgate, asked, "What kind of jobs will be available to kids with no high-speed internet access?"

"If we want to have good jobs so young people stay here we need broadband internet," Vermont Senator Matt Dunne said. "We cannot afford to go backwards."

Katherine Noppler, a UVM sophomore, SLAP member and resident of Poultney, Vermont,

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# Military recruiters have access to student information

## Access to student records challenged by Forum for Academic And Institutional Rights

By CHRISTINA TODD

Sorting through the mail that has been piling up on the counter, you come across a letter addressed to you. No, it's not the one you have been waiting for with that promised \$20. Instead, it's a recruitment notice wanting YOU for the U.S. Army.

The military may have acquired access to your address through UVM.

According to the AACRAO FERPA Guide for 2006, a reference guide for registrars' offices regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the University is required to disclose information deemed as "student recruitment information" under the Solomon Amendment.

The amendment to FERPA was enacted in 1995 and requires colleges and universities to allow ROTC access to the campus and give military recruiters the same access that other recruiters and employers have for students 17-years-old and up.

The amendment also gives military recruiters access to student recruiting information for students enrolled with at least one credit hour.

According to the 2006 Registrar's Guide, student recruiting information is deemed as the following by the Solomon Amendment: name, address (local and/or permanent and e-mail), phone numbers (local and/or permanent), date of birth, place of birth, class level, academic major, degrees received and most recent education institution attended.

This is different from the University's directory information that includes the names, addresses and phone numbers of UVM student's, staff, and faculty, according to UVM enrollment policies.

According to UVM registrar Keith Williams, the University's policy is to not release directory information in general. This includes not giving information to prospective employers.

In regard to the student recruiting information, the UVM registrar's office will provide that information when it is requested by a department of the military, but only the student's name and address are disclosed, Williams said.

As far as Williams is aware, the University has never denied this information to military recruiters.

Non-compliance with the Solomon Amendment by universities, or even an entity of a university, can result in the loss of government funding from the following agencies: Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Transportation, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services and the Central Intelligence Agency, according to

the Registrar's Guide.

There are exceptions to the amendment. According to the Registrar's Guide, an institution may be exempt from the policy if it is considered passive due to historic religious tradition, if it certifies that it does not collect the required information or if it "certifies that each student concerned has formally requested the school to withhold 'directory information' under FERPA to third parties".

However, sources from the Family Policy Compliance Office, a U.S. government agency, indicate that even if a

university discloses student recruitment information, after a student requests non-disclosure of all directory information to all third parties, the school is not in violation of FERPA.

The amendment was challenged by the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR), created by faculty from an assortment of law schools, but it was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in March of 2006.

The grounds for the case were claims of compelled speech, expressive conduct and freedom of association, which FAIR said

violated the First Amendment.

This was argued on the grounds that law schools have an anti-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation and is conflicting with the military's "don't ask don't tell" policy.

According to the policy, a service member may be investigated and discharged if they make a statement that they are lesbian, gay or bisexual; engage in sexual relations with a member of the same sex; or marry, or attempt to marry, someone of the same sex.

UVM has a similar policy to those of the law schools repre-

sented by FAIR. According to the non-discrimination policy stated on the LBTQA Services Web site, UVM policy includes and protects sexual orientation.

However, the Supreme Court upheld the Solomon Amendment on the grounds that it is under Congress's "broad and sweeping" power to "raise and support armies."

According to the Supreme Court ruling, the policy is not in violation with the First Amendment and therefore has to be followed by all universities if they want federal funding.

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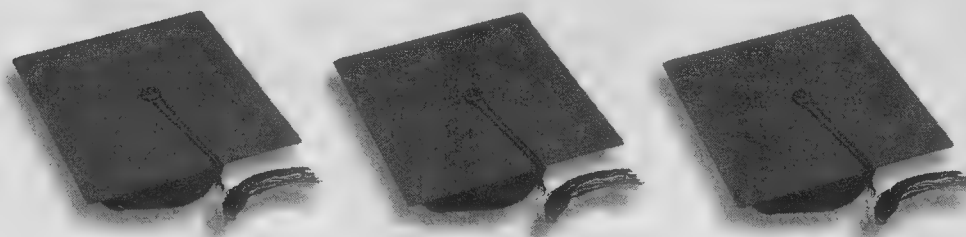
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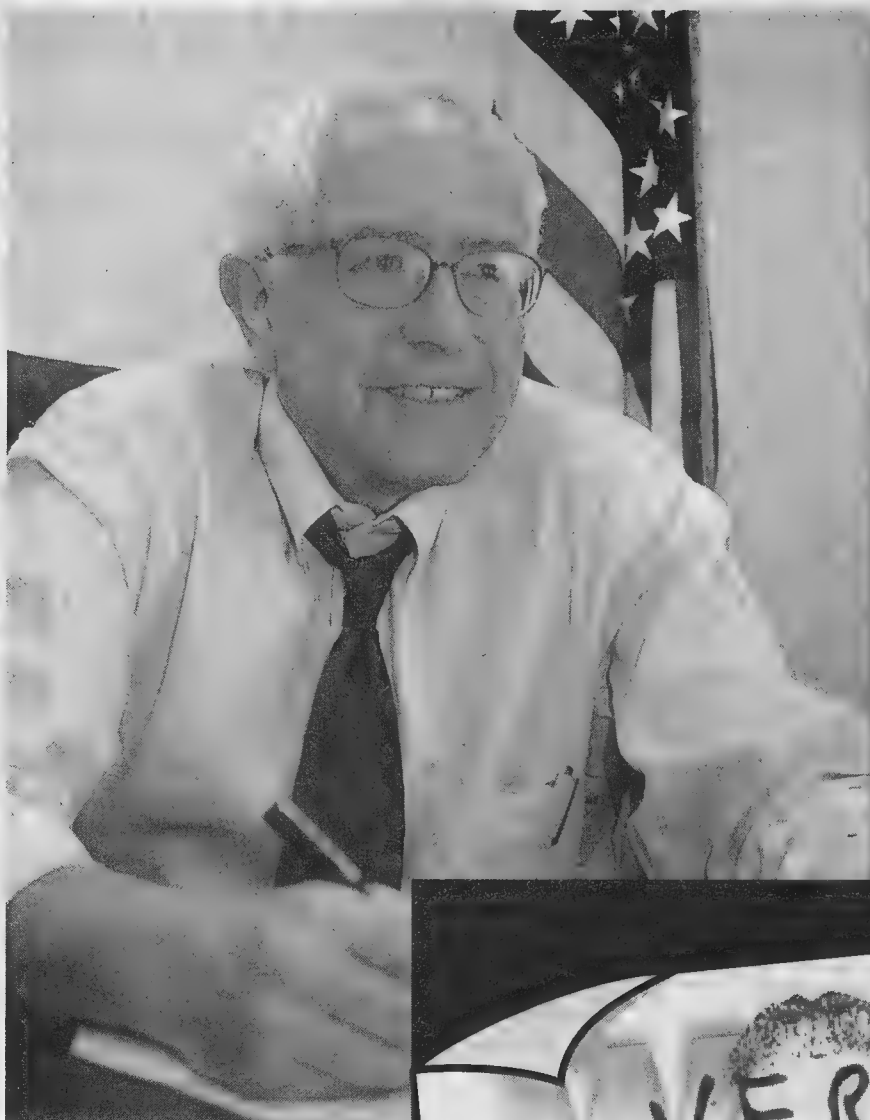
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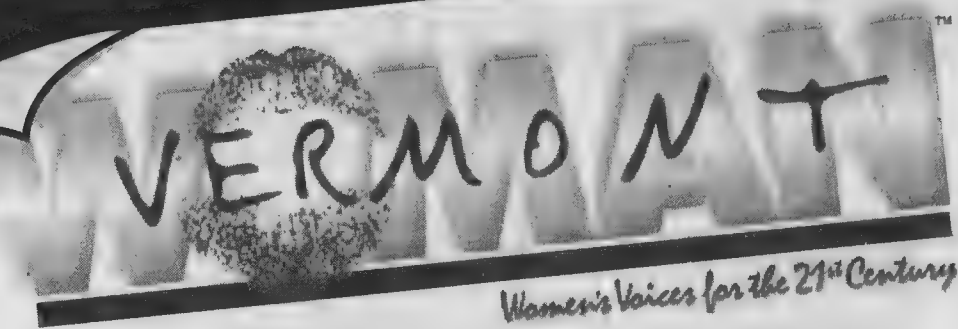
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## From the October issue of Vermont Woman:

For his experience, his outspokenness, and his unwavering dedication to being a voice for the women of Vermont from Burlington City Hall in 1981 to the last 15 years in Congress, we endorse Bernie Sanders for U.S. Senate.

Congressman Sanders has an indisputable track record in support of the women of Vermont, from his crucial support of establishing the National Program of Cancer registries in the Center for Disease Control in the early 1990s to his more recent co-sponsorship of the Federal Freedom of Choice Act in 2004 and programs in Vermont, working to increase funding for women's small business centers, and supporting the continuation of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. He has also been a national leader in the fight to protect civil liberties from attacks under the guise of "national security," a defendant of Congress' role as a check on executive power and an outspoken critic of the enduring economic inequalities in America.

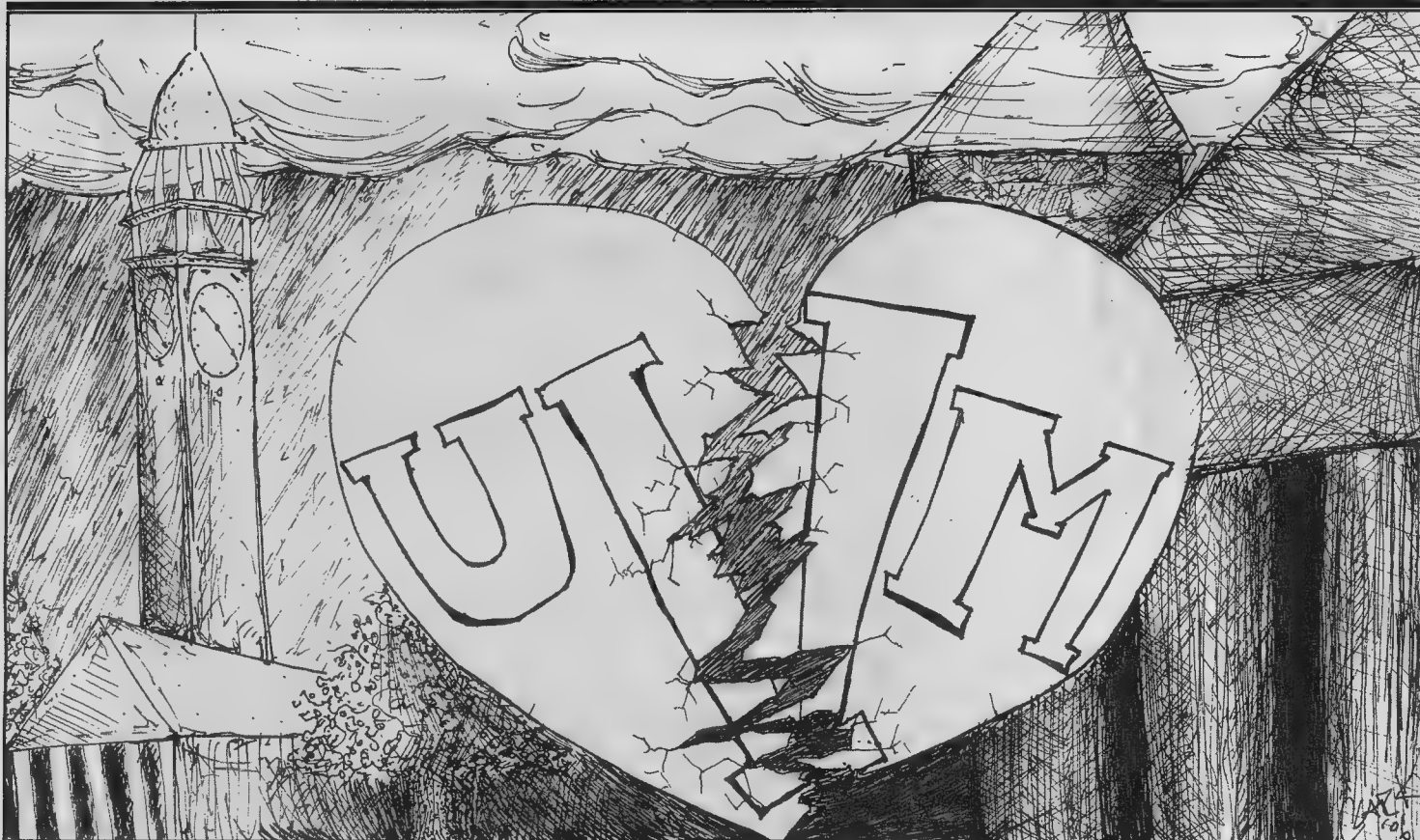
In contrast, Rich Tarrant, while a successful business owner as co-founder of IDX, is vying for the highest elected seat in Vermont with no previous legislative experience at any level. Tarrant had no comment on the doctrine of pre-emptive war; will only take a specific stand on reproductive rights by repeating that Roe v. Wade is "the law of the land" (leaving serious questions whether he would vote to maintain or undermine that law); has no opinion on the Hyde Amendment or global gag rule restrictions on funding abortion services for recipients of Medicaid or international aid; and believes that civil unions should be extended to siblings. In the absence of any voting record, we found his reluctance to engage with the nuances and principles of issues ranging from the Congressional balance of powers to reproductive rights, civil liberties, and national security very troubling.

Tarrant's decision to go into public service after all these years as a business owner is laudable. We encourage him to run at the state level and develop experience in Montpelier to supplement his business acumen.

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# A heart-broken university heals together

CYNIC BOARD EDITORIAL

The University of Vermont has, over the past two weeks, gone through what may have been the most tragic period in its long history, and no end is in sight. The memory of, and mourning for, Michelle Gardner-Quinn will not leave the hearts and minds of UVM's community for a long time to come.

The tragic events that have befallen what was once an idyllic town, nestled between the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain has made Burlington a place where people no longer feel safe to walk alone after dark. This will not be tolerated in a town with as much compassion and heart as Burlington.

The UVM community has come out in force to support Michelle, her family, her friends and one another. Through candle light vigils, SGA resolutions and volunteer hours hanging up flyers and conducting searches, UVM has shown that it will stand up for its own.

"This is what community response looks like," read one poster, contending with numerous others for a space on the Waterman Green fountain, at Tuesday Oct. 3rd's candlelight

vigil. That poster, combined with the scene of over one hundred community members

prehension. We can only offer our most sincere condolences and keep the memory of

*UVM has been a model of strong and compassionate leadership throughout this unfortunate time*

gathered, holding each other for support, silently sent best wishes for what, at that time, was the safe return of Michelle.

Every person in the UVM community, and the larger Burlington community, has felt the shock of Michelle's abduction and death. It will be a long time before a female is able to

Michelle with us always.

The outpouring of support from the UVM community despite the fact that Michelle had only been here for six weeks is a testament to her own wonderful personality, and the acceptance and inclusiveness of the UVM community. As we grow as a university,

coordinate candlelight vigils and the green ribbon campaign. Leadership like this that will pilot UVM through its growth, keeping the University as tight-knit as it has shown it can be over the past two weeks.

In the face of the evil that has befallen our community we must stand up and look towards a brighter future, one that we create together.

*We must be strong in the face of the evil that has befallen our community*

walk home alone without thought. The UVM and Burlington community must pull together at this time and support one another through this tragic period.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Michelle's family, who have been robbed of the chance to see her walk up to the podium and receive her degree in seven months. The loss that has befallen them is beyond com-

and reach that 10,000th student mark, let us not lose our small community atmosphere.

UVM has been a model of strong and compassionate leadership throughout this unfortunate time. The administration has kept students up-to-date with the most timely information available via Web sites and emails. SGA has taken an active role in working with the Inter Residence Association to



Michelle Gardner-Quinn will be missed  
(photo courtesy of Morgan Lee)

## Letters to the Editor

### Legal abortions keep women safe

I was tremendously disappointed at the Cynic for its inclusion of a garish advertising circular which opposes the legal right of all women to safe and legal abortions.

The publication denigrated women's intellectual ability and implied that women choose to obtain abortions for the sake of self-involvement and convenience.

Thoughtful and responsible women know that bringing a child into the world confers a tremendous obligation on the parents and most particularly on the mother.

It takes a great deal of courage and honesty for a woman to look that responsibility in the face and acknowledge that she does not have the physical, emotional or financial resources to be a mother.

Before the U. S. Supreme Court affirmed the legal right to abortion, thousands of women suffered, died or were rendered infertile by abortions performed outside the sphere of legitimate medical practice.

Suggesting that we return to those repressive policies does a horrible disservice to young women just beginning their reproductive years. The same young women who are your readers, staff members and friends.

RUTH BLAUWIEKEL,  
UNIVERSITY VETERINARIAN

### Pro-life insert may reveal bias in *The Cynic* business office

As a member of the UVM community, I am disturbed to see *THE CYNIC* distributing propaganda with its newspapers. The "Stop the Madness" insert that I found in my copy was nothing more than that.

There should be some standard that the paper maintains in "partnering" with advertisers. As a "newspaper," you lend credibility to what you report and to what you include in your distribution. You lent your credibility to a gathering of patently false and misleading statements guised as fact and supported with "selective referencing" at best and fabrication at worst. It is rife with inflammatory narratives that lead to false generalizations.

While students may disregard this insert entirely (obvious from seeing them strewn throughout campus), I believe that those who do attend to this message may be either forming or supporting opinions not based in fact or in the position of needing information and getting it from a source that is not only biased, but predatory. In either case, it is potentially harmful.

If the paper needs funding so badly that it cannot be selective or there exists the belief that selectivity in advertising is somehow biased, I suggest that a sizeable, front page, above the fold note be affixed indicating that the contents are a paid advertisement and for whom they are paid. The tiny, ill-contrasting disclaimer was entirely insufficient as was any identification of the publisher/advertiser.

- LYNN DEE GREGORY Ph.D,  
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#### The Cynics disturbing quote of the week

"That's my advice to all homosexuals, whether they're in the Boy Scouts, or in the Army or in high school: Shut up, don't tell anybody what you do, your life will be a lot easier."

Bill O'Reilly  
Fox News Pundit



## Letters to the Editor

### I apologize for my ill-considered remarks

The *Cynic* this week reported that I conveyed in an SGA discussion on the topic of liveable wages my opinion that all employees should be compensated fairly and equitably, with attention to basic needs.

As the *Cynic* also reported, however, I used the words "idiot" and "Nazi" in an ill-considered attempt to convey the intensity with which I hold that conviction.

As a university president, and as an English professor, I should be held to the highest standards of civility in discourse as well as considered use of language. I failed to meet those standards, and for that I extend my most sincere apologies.

The issues the discussion encompassed are of great importance to all. I commend the SGA for its attention to the issues and the *Cynic* for its willingness to report on them.

DANIEL MARK FOGEL  
PRESIDENT,  
THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

### "Stop the Madness" flier was a rookie mistake

A potential advertiser called me during my confused first days as the *Cynic* business manager, saying she wanted to run an insert sometime in early October. After choosing a date, she sent me a link to check out the insert. Later that week, I finally got around to it. The webpage popped up, with the first two pages of the "Stop the Madness" insert you saw last week.

I truthfully didn't think about an insert maybe being more than a flier, a rookie mistake on my part. I glanced at the two pages, which I assumed to be the front and back of the insert. I was uneasy about the subject, but what I saw in my haste wasn't too controversial.

Last week a 12-page, extremely disturbing anti-abortion advertisement ran in the *Cynic*, without my knowing its full contents.

The *Cynic* staff was ready to tear the insert out of every paper. Frankly, I would have liked to do this as well. Part of my job, though, is upholding my obligations to our advertisers.

Would I have run the ad had I known its full contents, as I should have? Probably not.

So, I sincerely apologize, especially to those who were offended, for doing my job poorly, and can only ask forgiveness for making a mistake with such large ramifications.

I want to clear up any misconceptions that the insert reflects any bias on my part. I am pro-choice, and believe me, it has been extremely difficult to put my name all over this controversy. Whatever my personal feelings, though, I could not remove the insert when it was I who made the error.

Though I did have the opportunity to view this one, our current system allows for inserts to go straight to the publisher without my first seeing it here. I am in the process of changing this.

One of the roles of a student newspaper is that it is a learning experience for those who work on it. Lesson learned on my part.

LISA GOLDSTEIN  
BUSINESS MANAGER,  
THE VERMONT CYNIC

## Let the Middle East deal with Darfur

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

There has been a lot of both national and local publicity about the current



humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The situation has gone from bad to worse, with rebel forces pulling out of peace negotiations and the only foreign force in the region, African Union troops, are ill-equipped to deal with the problem (seven thousand troops cannot keep the peace in a land the size of France).

While there is a universal agreement that there is a serious problem in Darfur, the real question we as students and citizens of the world must ask ourselves is "what is the solution?"

The UN has declared that it would send 20,000 troops to aid the AU forces, but that is a mere symbolic action. Without the support of the United States (which don't have the ability to support any military action), the 20,000 troops will never get off the ground.

Additionally, two members of the UN Security Council, China (which has oil interests in the region) and Russia (who fears that this will inhibit their war on Chechnya) are going to veto any measure

that would lead to military action. In short, any faith that the UN will send troops is about as likely as Paris Hilton getting a perfect score on her LSAT exam.

There is also too much faith that is put into peace-keeping forces. If the UN was ever able to get forces on the

operating sex slavery rings with the very people that they are supposed to be aiding.

The UN is playing a key role in restoring peace to the Congo, and any variation on that could ruin the slow peace process in the region.

Another important question would be whether or not

position as "global policeman" after we failed in our last two projects.

Troops should come from the Arab League. The Arab League should be petitioned to send in troops to Darfur.

This would be beneficial for several reasons. First it would reduce the number of troops in the Middle East which would reduce tensions.

Second, it would show a positive global image of Arabs, something that is needed to fight the hate mongers and racist rhetoric used in the War on Terrorism.

Lastly, the extremist Janjaweed militia, who are fervently arab-centric, would be less likely to shoot at Arab troops.

The mission of these troops should not be to stop all the violence in the region, that would be a gigantic task that could never be accomplished (remember Somalia?).

The Arab Leagues soldiers should protect international aid organizations that are being forced out of the region by direct violence. This could aid millions of victims and provide a real world solution that has advantageous impacts that are local, regional and international.

Besides, have you heard of a better plan?

### The Arab League should send troops to Darfur. Have you heard of a better plan?

ground there is no guarantee of success. Peacekeeping forces have been unable to act effectively because of their mission (UN peacekeepers were in Rwanda during the massacre and could not offer any substantive help).

Because there are generally military forces from different parts of the world in UN missions, there is also little in the way of a clear chain of command and tactical unity, both key elements in carrying out a military operation.

It's the same as the U.S. basketball team losing to Greece- it's not because each player is not amazing, it's because they don't know how to work as a unit.

Keep in mind that the UN peacekeepers are not divine. UN peacekeepers have been found in several African states

stopping the current violence would be anything more than a band-aid solution.

One of the main problems with the Darfur area is that it is the poorest region in one of the poorest nations in the world.

Unless there is regime building coupled with economic restoration, violence will continually appear in the area.

So how do we solve the current problem?

The first step is to aid the people in need right now. While I think that there are long term solutions that must be sought after, that is no excuse to allow the death of innocents. And no, I don't believe that the US should send troops in.

We are already overstretched, and, I believe that we are getting a pink slip from our

### Community leaders should stand up to ensure our safety

The safety of the student body, faculty and staff is a serious issue on campus and in our community.

There have been some devastating crimes in the city of Burlington like the murder of Laura Winterbottom in the spring of 2005.

There have also been several shocking incidences already this semester. The Harris- Mills incident involving the assault of several female students, as well as the increase of reports of sexual based violence and assaults to the victim's advocate. There were 16 reports of violence and assault in the month of September 2006, two years ago the average number of reports was fourteen reports per semester.

Why isn't there an uproar from members of the University of Vermont community about these issues? As one student who feels the direct concerns of my fellow peers, I urge my fellow students, the SGA, MAC, Paradigm Project, FMLA, Bolder and Tower societies, athletic community, faculty, staff, administration, Women's Center and all members of the University of Vermont and the Burlington Community to come together during this distressing event which affects all members of this community and do something about the violence and loss of safety.

The University of Vermont and the Burlington Community need to join forces and stand up against the loss of safety in this community.

MEGAN MCGUIRE  
CLASS OF 2007

## Men must make changes to stop cultural violence

### Men Advocating Change presents ten steps men can take to help end violence against women

By KEVIN SMITH  
Men's Outreach coordinator,  
Men Advocating Change

As men, one of the things we are taught is to take action or try to fix things that have gone wrong.

Michelle Gardner-Quinn's death offers an opportunity for us as men to connect with the feelings of powerlessness and vulnerability we feel as humans in these situations.

The more men allow themselves to feel these feelings, the more they can connect with and understand what it is like for women in this country.

The following steps are a broad guideline of ways that men can assist in the efforts to create a safer culture for us all.

Acknowledge and understand how sexism, male dominance and male privilege lay the foundation for all forms

of violence against women.

Examine and challenge our individual sexism and the role that we play in supporting men who are abusive.

Recognize and stop colluding with other men by getting out of our socially defined roles, and take a stance to end violence against women.

Remember that our silence is affirming. When we choose not to speak out against men's violence, we are supporting it.

Educate and re-educate ourselves about our responsibility in ending men's violence against women.

Break out of the "man box." Challenge traditional images of manhood that stop us from actively taking a stand to end violence against women.

Accept and own our responsibility that violence against women will not end until men become part of the solution to end it. We must take an active role in creating a cultural and social shift that no longer tolerates violence against women.

Stop blaming men's violence on mental illness, lack of anger management skills, chemical dependency, stress,

etc., which only excuses men's violence. Violence against women is rooted in the historic oppression of women, sexism.

Stop supporting the notion that men's violence against women can end by providing treatment for individual men. Men's violence against women is the outgrowth of men's socialization.

Accept leadership from women. Violence against women will end only when we take direction from those who understand it most women.

Be proactive, join a social justice organization and get involved.

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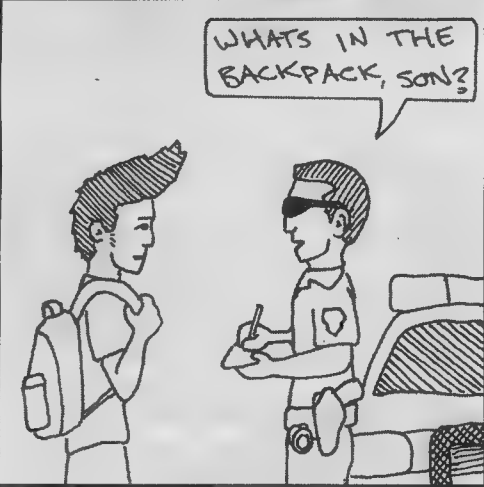
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The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZIWICH



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4. Place circles of dough on the beef mixture. Bake 15-20 minutes or until very light brown.

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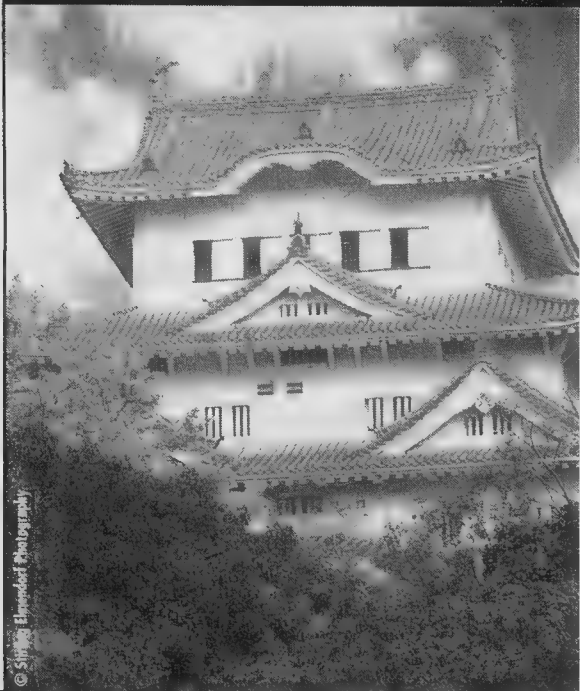
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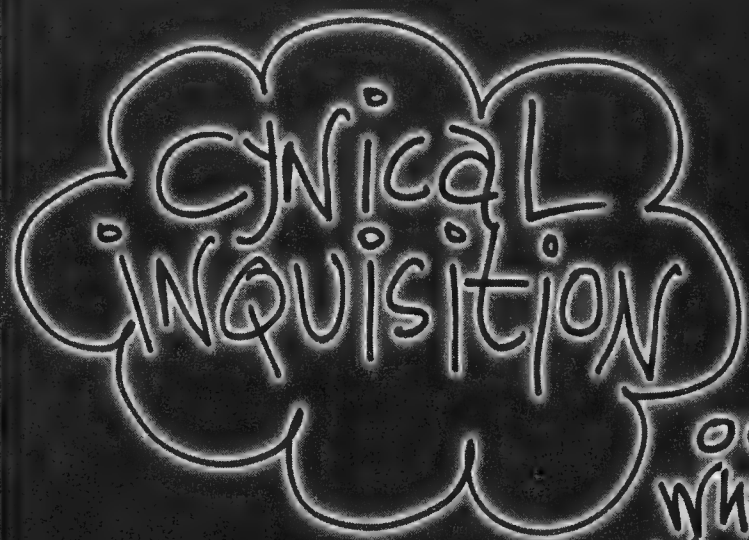
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-Anita Buabeng  
2008**



**"I would increase  
the engineering  
seniors' capstone  
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amount greater  
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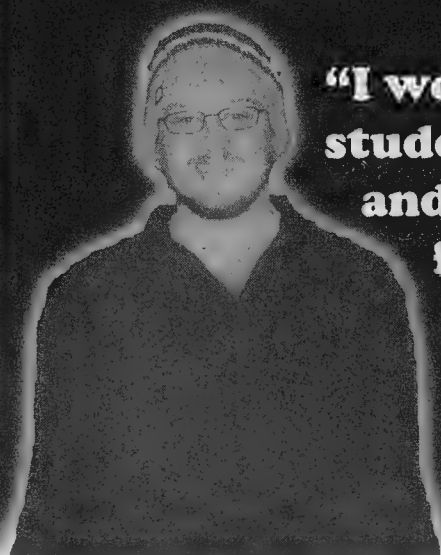
**Josh Martin  
2007**



**"I would get some  
better food on  
campus."  
Reuben Westmaas  
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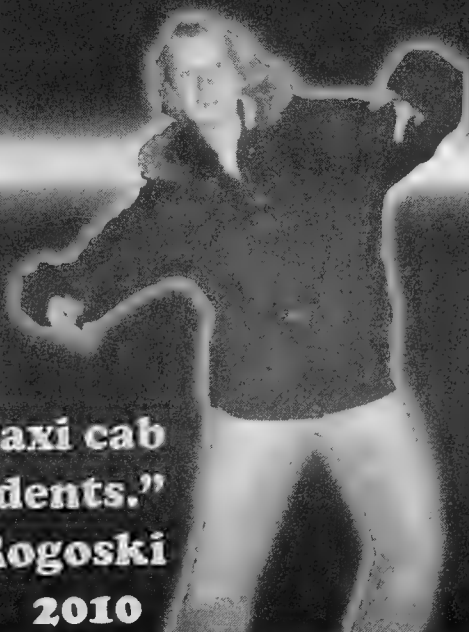
**"I would allow  
students to possess  
and smoke hookah  
for tobacco use."  
Chris Allard  
2010**



**"I would give  
everyone free  
books for a  
semester."  
-Augusta Osuoha  
2008**



**"I would get a free taxi cab  
service for the students."  
Laura Rogoski  
2010**







***UVM's "Green University" concept is feasible  
with help from students***

**Story by IAN JANSEN-LONNQUIST**

**Illustration by JAKE ZIWICH**

The University Of Vermont's Goal is clear: become the premiere environmental university in the world. The school developed its first official energy policy in 1990, and since 1992, \$2.5 million has been spent towards energy conservation measures. Yet, considering certain employees who make more in one year than has been spent annually on environmental initiatives in almost 15, has the university taken the measures to rightfully call itself the top of the heap in environmental awareness? More importantly, how has the relatively minute sum been spent thus far?

"Before any renewables take place there has to be efficiency and conservation," said Dan Belhumer, vice president of Vermont Campus Energy Group (VCEG) responded when asked about how our investments have been allocated.

According to Richard T. Wolbach, energy management engineer for the Department of Physical Plant, the first projects done under the 1990 policy involved efficiency retrofits to older buildings. This involved installing more efficient lighting fixtures, incorporating not only traditional lighting but emergency lights as well. Almost all of the 3,000 plus exit signs on campus, (which are by code required to run 24 hours a day) have been switched from traditional 40-100 watt signs to 0-2 watt signs, Wolbach said. The zero watt signs use a Brady glow product similar to the glow in the dark stars decorating the rooms of seven-year-olds across the country, which shine for up to 6 hours in case of an emergency. UVM hasn't been alone in making transitions to more energy efficient tech-

***"To be green is relatively easy nowadays. To be better, to be greener, to take that approach where we do that little bit extra to take us to the next level, that's the exciting part that we need to strive for"***

***-Richard T. Wolbach, Energy management Engineer,  
Department of Physical Plant***

nologies; both Burlington Electric Department and Vermont Gas Systems have provided rebates to offset initial costs.

Newer construction projects – University Heights and the Dudley H. Davis Center – boast innovative environmentally sound features. Low flow and composting toilets and showerheads are models for implementation throughout campus after being installed in University Heights. The Davis Center will be equipped with monitors to track energy use and harmful emissions, with plans to add these features to U-Heights

as well. These measures, along with older environmental retrofits will save the University 20 percent on the \$5 million energy bill yearly.

The most visible of UVM's environmental achievements is the 10,000-watt wind turbine that soars above central campus and powers some of the external lighting around Fletcher Allen Hospital. Yet, the turbine was only operating at 2.9 percent of capacity for the entire month of September, according to the Vermont Small-Scale Wind Demonstration Program.

In another effort to reduce fuel consumption and emissions on campus, UVM fuels its fleet of buses with a mix of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent diesel. To further reduce emissions, the school, with cooperation from the city of Burlington, has acquired six new buses that run on compressed natural gas. Clean? Yes. Renewable? Not quite, but it's a start.

Currently being installed on campus is a central chilled water system. A complicat-



**UVM's wind turbine looms large a symbol of the school's "Green University" initiative (Austin Danforth/Vermont Cynic)**





The "green" Davis Center living up to its vision.  
(Austin Danforth / Vermont Cynic)

ed process, the gist is that the entire campus would be cooled through a piping system running back to a single, centralized cooling unit, saving energy through localization. The Energy Department has also begun to research the possibility of a "co-generation project," entailing a turbine being installed on the current University steam heating system. Electricity produced by the fan would offset raising energy costs caused by new construction and burgeoning student population.

"I think of UVM aspiring to be a green university. I also like to think of us as aspiring to be greener," Wolbach said regarding his hopes for the University. "To be green is relatively easy nowadays. To be better, to be greener, to take that approach where we do that little bit extra to take us to the next level, that's the exciting part that we need to strive for."

Indeed, the University of Vermont is making giant steps towards becoming what it has long claimed to be – the leader of collegiate environmental awareness. With still miles to go, it's up to students to take action. On campus groups such as Vermont Campus Energy Group (VCEG), Vermont Student Energy Program (VSTEP) and the Environmental Council have their fingers in every green-related event. The little things – recycling, not littering, everything taught in fourth grade still applies and still helps the cause.

Despite excellent signs for the future, issues and discrepancies remain. President

Daniel Fogel's yearly salary (\$283,868) is more than the average yearly amount spent on energy conservation (approximately \$167,000). One year of Fogel's pay could purchase the University of Vermont a new wind turbine or solar site.

At this point, despite moves in the right direction, the administration is doing little more than talking and shuffling. Instead of empty words, it's up to the students to force the powerful to move to the beat of their own rhetoric.

"What you've heard about [renewables] is they cost a lot. Well so what? So does a Ferrari," exclaimed Nikola Janjic, VCEG president. "People, especially financial administrators, always use the argument that the costs of renewable energy are too high compared to conventional energy. This in my opinion is completely false/bogus. They are not taking [into consideration] the real costs that coal, nuclear and large hydro dams have on society...cancer...pollution and runoff."

Also expensive is the massive LCD TV screen which popped up in the University Heights' "Green" dorm long before composting began on even the bottom floor. A darkly comical but also telling piece of evidence as to the University's actual policy, especially when one considers that school mandated composting still has not spread to every floor of the dorm.

If students here at UVM really want to make change and get renewables on campus, it has to be worked for. If the administration can't justify spending a considerable chunk of change per year toward clean and renewable energy, it's their responsibility to

**One year of Fogel's pay  
could purchase the  
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wind turbine or solar site**

**Get involved! These clubs are actively trying to make UVM's Green University goal a reality:**

**-Vermont Campus Energy Group: Meets Thursday nights, 8p.m. at Lafayette 207**

**-Vermont Student Environmental Program: Meets Wednesdays, 8pm at Aiken 114**

**-Environmental Council: Meets 10/18 (monthly meetings), 1:30p.m. at Waterman 427A**

**-Eco-repping: 10/23 (bi-monthly meetings), 8pm at Erica Spiegel's office, University Heights South**

prove it's justifiable. It's the student body's obligation to make sure the money they spend each year is going toward what environmentally conscious initiatives they think are important. If each student put \$5 per year toward renewable energy sources, the total could purchase either a new wind turbine or solar site each year.

Get informed, get involved and help build the University into what we all know it can be.

*The views expressed in In The Trenches do not necessarily reflect the opinion of The Vermont Cynic*



# ECO MIND

By ERIN ZEISS

Here are some great opportunities to get involved with environmentally related happenings on campus!

1. VSTEP (Vermont Student Environmental Program) meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Aiken Lounge.

- VSTEP, a very active group on campus, has been around since 1988. This group was a major force in improving UVM's solid waste and recycling management. - To learn more about VSTEP, go to <http://www.uvm.edu/~vstep/about.html>.

2. CEL (Consortium for Ecological Living) meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the SGA club space.

- CEL promotes some really interesting events that focus on incorporating more environmentally sound practices into our community. Some events that they're planning for the fall and spring include herbal healing, Greenhouse Integrated Pest Management and socially responsible savings account workshops and planting more seedlings. - Check out their Web site at <http://www.uvm.edu/~ecoliving/index.html> for more details!

3. VCEG (Vermont Campus Energy Group) meets on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in Lafayette 207.

- VCEG focuses on campus sustainability. - Join their listserv by going to <http://list.uvm.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=vceg&A=1>.

4. STAR (Students for True Animal Rights) meets on Mondays at 8 p.m. in L/L A101.

- STAR is working to increase awareness about problems relating to both conservation and the welfare of animals. Currently, they are working on getting UVM to use and sell eggs that are not from farms that use battery cages. - Check out their website at <http://www.uvm.edu/~tanimrts>.

Also, an environmental forum is being held on Sunday, October 29th at 5 p.m. in Slade Hall. The forum is meant to be a gathering for all these groups and any interested individuals, so stop by if you want to get involved!

Erin Zeiss is a first year student working with the Environmental Council.

ECO-MIND is a weekly column on environmental issues at UVM organized by the UVM Environmental Council. If you are interested in suggesting a topic or contributing a column, contact: [environmental.council@uvm.edu](mailto:environmental.council@uvm.edu)

## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Prospective student enjoys seeing "the real UVM" on campus tour

George Benson Jr. arrived on the UVM campus at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, for a campus tour. Benson drove with his mother and father from Westchester, New York, the night before and stayed at the Marriott Hotel.

After getting into a twenty-second fight with his mom, Pamela Benson, over what color Polo shirt he would wear that day, the family arrived at the

Admissions building on-time.

"I was excited to check out the campus," Benson Jr. said. "I've heard it's so beautiful and full of trees, you know; I really wanted to get away from all the suburbanization and construction."

When the tour passed by the Marsh-Austin-Tupper complex, Benson Jr. noted that there were many industrial-style window fans appearing both to intake and outtake air from the dorm rooms.

"I guess the heat's on really high," Benson Jr. reasoned. "I mean why else would kids have fans going all the time in October in Vermont?"

Benson Jr. said that he was also surprised by the political climate at UVM. "I knew that UVM was supposed to be liberal, but I didn't know there were so many Maoist revolutionaries here."

Benson Jr. made this comment as he passed by the third student he had seen wearing a red T-shirt with Che Guevara's silk-screened face. "I respect that," he said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Benson said that they were amazed by the "seemingly endless options for

food at the Marché" in L/L and that they were "seriously won-over" with the number of books that the tour guide said the Bailey-Howe Library had.

"There were so many people on the first floor working hard and discussing issues," Benson Jr. observed, "I guess there are a lot of group projects at UVM."

When the tour ended, the Benson family walked downtown to eat at the Red Onion after receiving a tip from a student who said it was "super dank."

*"I knew that UVM was supposed to be liberal, but I didn't know there were so many Maoists revolutionaries here"*

Mr. Benson did not understand why a place that was dark and moist would be a good place to eat, but Mrs. Benson reminded him that "when in Rome, we should do as the people who live in Burlington do."

During the walk, Benson Jr. said he was struck by how many white Buddhists lived in Burlington. "I saw so many Tibetan prayer flags hanging from people's porches - it's cool that so many college kids get involved in religious activities," Benson Jr. said.

**BREAKING  
Not News for  
next week:  
Spillane's  
driver  
experiences  
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self-hatred  
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# Evolution of a Funkee Homosapien

**Rapper Del enlightens us with the nuances of life in the hip-hop industry**

By DAVE SACHS  
A&E Editor

"I'm a pretty funky dude man," a voice bellows from the other end of the line. It's low and enthrallingly frog-like. "Unless I'm too tired or too sick that I can't really pull it out, but even then we try to do a lot."

Del Tha Funkee Homosapien may not know



Hieroglyphics member Del (courtesy of hieroglyphics.com)

exactly where he is geographically ("We're headed to the East Coast," he says), but he knows where he's going and where he's been as far as his music is concerned.

Despite the popular perception of just being "that rapping cartoon guy in that Gorillaz video," Del has experienced the ins and outs of the recording industry since 1990 and, after a long minute without an LP, will

let loose his atypical rhyming style in "The 11th Hour," his latest album, which is still in progress.

Del's style is undeniably unique, and his newest album should be a testament to that, but it's hard for him to call anything "new" at all.

"I guess at the very base of it, we're all human beings," Del muses. "We're not going to try to invent a new kind of tire, the one we have is good enough."

He is simultaneously working on "11th Hour" and another disc under his alias Deltron, to be produced by Dan the Automator and Kid Koala. It's going "slow" according to Del, whose tone speaks volumes.

It has been about six years since he has dropped an album on his eager followers, following an unexpected fallout with Elektra Records. And aside from his multiple side projects with Hieroglyphics and Gorillaz, Del has been putting his time and mind to good use.

"The best thing I've done since then is study music theory," Del says. "I've studied music theory for like seven years."

But while he has studied the concepts and philosophies of music under a teacher, Del says that he really started to understand music by studying on

his own. Who needs a mentor?

"Honestly, a lot of teachers don't know what they're talking about," Del says gruffly. "The best book I probably read was 'Lies My Music Teacher Told Me' by Gerald Eskelin."

"It's...about things you learn in life, even. It's not just about music."

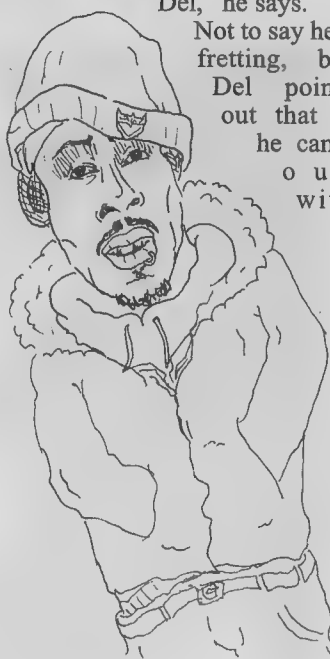
Del has pointed himself forward with his newfound knowledge and he'll apply it to every track on "11th Hour" and from now on. It is a conscious evolution of his own style that he says is necessary for survival as a creative and productive artist.

"You could've asked me like seven years ago, 'How did you come up with the ideas to make this album?'" Del says. "And I would have said, 'I don't know, I just did it.' So ever since then I was like, 'I need to figure out what the hell I'm doing.'"

This album has to be the bomb or it could be over for

Del," he says.

Not to say he's fretting, but Del points out that if he came out with



going to sell, and recording artists, in turn, tend to fall in place and conform to those ideas. Del is trying to find a balance between what the public wants to hear and what conceptions he

**"This album has to be the bomb or it could be over for Del"**

wants to deposit into the jumbled airspace that is hip-hop.

"If [record companies] wouldn't push it so much and force the industry to be a certain way, then artists...would take more chances," Del says. "And there's not too many people that are brave enough to step outside and be like, 'Well I don't care if I starve,' you know what I'm saying?"

Del's voice is a little raspy from a cold he picked up on the road, and he says hoarsely, "Hip-hop grew to be as big as it is now because rhythm is just naturally catchy—an African design based on call and response." He does a beat box impression with a steady snare on the two and four.

"I'm just trying to make some music while I'm out here. I got my computer on right now," Del says enthusiastically.

"I'm just trying to make some music, man."

*Del Tha Funkee Homosapien comes to Higher Ground Oct. 22 with A-Plus, Psalm One and Bukue One.*

Illustration by Aaron Lopez-Barrantes

## One nation, under the stars with a long weekend for all

**Radical artist unites faiths via satirical juxtaposition**

By SARAH POSILLICO  
Cynic Correspondent

Vitaly Komar's thick Russian accent reverberates at the Firehouse Gallery as he describes his work and life, pointing to different slides of his artwork.

The room is dimly lit, and the clicking of the slides mixes with the whirr of the projector.

The audience laughs at every tongue-in-cheek joke he tells. "I like listening to his voice," Ryan Guthrie, a junior at UVM says. "It's like a character out of a book."

Komar is well known for founding Sots Art, a form of Soviet Non-Conformist art that combines elements of Socialist

Realism and American Pop Art. "Sots Art was a kind of ironical iconoclasm," Komar states in his most recent catalogue.

This mix of two very different styles is immediately evident in his paintings, especially those satirizing the red background, white lettering and exclamation points that were so characteristic of propaganda during Komar's childhood. In his paintings, there are no letters, only ambiguous white squares.

**Komar started his first real capitalist venture by creating a company for the "buying and selling of souls"**

"We were surrounded by such propaganda... it was everywhere — in the streets, factories, barber shops," Komar says.

Komar's revolutionary art has often gotten him in trouble. He reminisces about his first "Open Air" show, and the events surrounding it.

"We were very idealist," Komar says. "I didn't believe that anything bad would happen; somebody came, I believe the police, and they destroyed a lot of our works. It was the most exciting time."

Experiences like these with the government influenced Komar to add double meanings to a lot of his artwork. "It's

abstract art, but there's something behind it," he says.

This influence is seen in Komar's transformation of an article of the Soviet Constitution into musical notes and colored dots. When looking at the art, it is just another abstract painting, but if one realizes that each color and each musical note represents a different letter, the "double-meaning" is revealed.

Komar's art is not just limited to paintings, and has also manifested itself by incorporating live animals into the creative process. "Animals are much more closer to us than we think," Komar says.

He has worked with chimpanzees and elephants, using them for photography and painting, as a way to give the animals a creative voice, he says.

Komar's newest conceptual art is his "Three-Day Weekend" project. Combining holy images with holy days from Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, Komar portrays the need for religious unity.

But he jokes about the situation, referring to each religion's respective holy day, saying, "Someday soon, we'll have a three-day weekend. I believe all of us must support this program."

A radical artist, by definition, must mock social institutions, and Komar started his first real capitalist venture by creating



"Yalta Conference," by Komar and Melamid, is a parody of the famous photograph of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin (courtesy of Vitaly Komar)

a company for the "buying and selling of souls." The first man to sell his soul for nothing was renowned artist Andy Warhol, according to Komar.

Komar says he eventually ran out of business because "a lot of people like to sell souls, but no one likes to buy them."

Thus, he has ended his presentation of conceptual art, after

mocking and satirizing former Soviet institutions, and even American popular culture.

The last slide Komar shows is his ideal American Flag: red and white stripes, a blue square in the upper-left corner, and an entire galaxy instead of just 50 stars.

"More stars for all of us," Komar says.

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## Arts &amp; Entertainment

By CASEY PALMER  
Cynic Correspondent

Around 8:15 p.m. an announcer proclaimed, "Should a cell phone go off, the performers will be coming into the audience to shove it up your ass." Around 250 people crowded the rows closest to the stage, many wearing blue t-shirts that read "Gay? Fine by me."

In celebration of National Coming Out Week, The Kinsey Sicks, "America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet," performed on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The show took place at Ira Allen Chapel, and was free to all. But despite the spectacle's theme, only one drag queen was present in the crowd.

The Kinsey Sicks consists of four drag queens/actors/comedians who have been performing a cappella-based satirical pieces for over a decade. The Sicks have toured the nation, hitting up such venues as the Las Vegas Hilton, Studio 54 and Caroline's Comedy Club on Broadway in New York.

Their most recent off-Broadway hit, "Dragapella," performed here, consists of skits with outlandish titles like "Condoleezzapalooza." "Dragapella" was nominated for a Lucille Lortel Award (the equivalent to an off-Broadway Tony) as Best Musical of 2001.

The first song was performed to the tune of "Hallelujah," and the actors claimed they were simply "chicks with sticks." Moments later, Rachel, one of the queens, picked a first-year student out of the crowd, sat him down on a chair on the stage, straddled him and said, "My name's Rachel, but you can call me Daddy."

## A drag? Yes and no



Off-Broadway show has actors playing dress-up at UVM

Throughout the rest of the performance, the Sicks sang "Proud Mary's," "Everybody Loves a Drag Queen," "Be a Slut," "Rent a Homo" and "Locked out of the Chapel of Love,"—all with hilarious, original lyrics to the tune of popular songs. The last song, "Sexy Underwear," became a sing-along in which nearly the entirety of the audience took part.

The music in itself is something worth admiring. All of the queens had excellent on-pitch

*Rachel, the queen in red, picked a first-year student out of the crowd, sat him down on a chair on the stage, straddled him and said, "My name's Rachel, but you can call me Daddy"*

voices and the amalgamation of their voices a cappella was entrancing.

Stabs were taken at modern politicians which were widely accepted, as noted by the rolling laughter throughout the crowd. Referring to the skit's inspiration, Trampelina informed the others that "Condoleezza" would be paying for their expenses. "She's paying for it through the Social Security trust fund—oh, wait. The check bounced," she jested.

The queen donning green,

The men behind the women:  
From left, "Trixie" (Jeff Manabat), "Winnie" (Irwin Keller), "Trampelina" (Chris Dilley) and "Rachel" (Ben Shatz)

(Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

Winnie, later referred to Richard Tarrant as her girlfriend "Richie," who is "still pre-op," waiting to become a full male. And while reminiscing on her days in the White House, Rachel joked, "I really miss being strip-searched by Dick Cheney, at my un-disclosed locations."

Trixie, the queen with perhaps the most astounding voice, commented on her inability to sleep while on tour: "At night I try counting sheep, but Rachel hears me and ends up getting aroused."

A sly ploy dampened the mood a little when the queens hinted at the audience to purchase merchandise in order to help the touring quartet, as the queens repeatedly talked of their debt, overdrawn bank accounts, expenses on the road and the fact that they had never ridden first class.

"Wait, I didn't know Greyhound had first class," Trampelina said.

The end of the performance was punctuated with audience participation in "Everybody Loves a Drag Queen." First-year student Jess McCoy was led onstage by Rachel, dressed up in a large metallic drag costume and head-dress, and made to join the queens' kick line.

"It was a lot of fun. I was kind of embarrassed at first, but then I started dancing along," McCoy said.

"Dragapella" was an all-around entertaining performance, this one being the group's fourth at the University.

"Thanks to UVM for repeatedly having bad taste in entertainment," Trampelina said, as the show neared its end.

## Blackfriars take "Midsummer Night" back to Shakespeare's day

Troupe performs  
Shakespeare classic  
as it was seen 400  
years ago

By MEREDITH RIVLIN  
Senior Staff Writer

Authenticity was key as The Blackfriars Stage Company presented Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Music Recital Hall on Redstone Campus.

The lights shone brightly in the recital hall as audience members arrived early to enjoy music preformed by the cast itself, including a twangy, banjo-laden

version of Tracy Chapman's "Give Me One Reason."

When show time rolled around, cast member Tyler Moss announced the rules and regulations of their particular style: The lights would remain on because in Shakespeare's day there was no electricity so, Moss said, the plays occurred during the day.

The 12 chairs on either side of the stage would remain for the play's entirety and were open to audience members. Again, a remnant of Shakespearian plays, there was seating on three sides of the stage and those who were close enough became physically involved in certain aspects of the

performance.

Luckily, there were some daring audience members Wednesday night who provided legs for the characters to cry on and purses to rummage through.

A Shakespeare classic, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" tells the story of a complicated and comical "love rectangle." It's a meta-theatrical piece in that there is a play within a play. The audience is literally watching another audience watching a play—a constant reminder of being a spectator.

There was no elaborate set to guide the audience members' imaginations—they were left to



The Globe Theatre in London where Shakespeare's works were seen (courtesy of shakespeareglobe.org)

create the lush, green forests (where most of the play takes place) themselves. This seemed to be a welcome change for some, while others sat squirming in their well-lit seats, waiting for

theater," according to the American Shakespeare Center's website.

Upcoming plays preformed on tour by the Blackfriars include "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Julius Caesar."

"Shakespeare only wrote thirty-something plays that have survived," explains Jim Warren, the Artistic Director for "Cyrano de Bergerac." "Because the ASC produces over a dozen plays per year, we need to do plays by other playwrights or we'd run out of shows very quickly."

With the success of their authentic reproduction, be it Shakespearian or otherwise, it is a good thing that the Blackfriars Stage Company does not run out of material. Otherwise, the audience would be left with only its textbooks to transform them back to the 17th century.

*There was no elaborate set to guide the audience members' imagination—they were left to create the lush, green forests themselves*

the intermission that never came.

The Blackfriars Playhouse, part of the American Shakespeare Center of Staunton, Va., is the only "re-creation of William Shakespeare's original indoor



The Blackfriars Stage Company performs Shakespeare as it was seen in the 1600s (courtesy of AmericanShakespeareCenter.com)



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# A lack of sight, but no lack of vision



Heidi Pfau's "Less Traveled"  
(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

**Photographer proves eyesight and imagery are not necessarily synonymous**

By THOMAS MORSE

Heidi Pfau is a legally blind photographer.

While this may seem like a handicap for any visual artist, Pfau uses her lack of sight as a filter for her digital photography—a reminder that simplicity can be an important element for good picture.

At her exhibit "Do You See What I See?" at the Living and Learning gallery last week, Pfau revealed a comprehension and appreciation for visual metaphors, and a natural theme that is well-suited for an autumn exhibition at UVM.

Although she has minimal eyesight, a special program on her computer which allows her to enlarge images without sacrificing picture quality, and the help of good friends with better eyesight, Pfau is able to produce the caliber of photographs that she does, according to a write-up she posted on the wall of the exhibit.



Heidi Pfau's "Old Friends" (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

played.

Most of the photos in the gallery had an organic theme to them, with several images of leafless, sickly, or dead trees.

Titles like "Reaching Out," and "Old Friends," are depictions of trees that had evidently been struck by lightning, but still have one major branch reaching off to

the side—its leafless offshoots stretching across the photograph.

Not all of her pieces are so optimistic and inspiring, though. One piece, "Tormented by Titles," is a shot of a bookshelf overflowing with literature, yet it's noticeably devoid of any books in Braille (at least as is visible to the naked eye).

## Vermont Int'l Film Festival: reviewed

**A few selections from the plethora of films at this year's oldest human and environmental rights film festival**

By JOHN LANDRY

Sidney King's "Pearl Diver," which followed the story of two sisters who became distant after the murder of their mother, was one of the films featured in the Vermont International Film Festival's series, "Cutting-Edge Indie Films"

Hannah, one of the sisters, is a city-dwelling writer while her sister Marian lives a quieter life on a farm with her husband and daughter, abiding by Mennonite traditions. The two sisters are forced to put their differences behind them when Hannah moves in with Marian after a freak accident on the farm leaves Marian's six-year-old daughter seriously disfigured.

In the interactions between Hannah and Marian, the audience is aware of the events surrounding their mother's death through a series of flashbacks.

The two sisters alternate between moments of tenderness and tension, which makes for a compelling story. Although at times throughout "Pearl Diver"

the dialog seems slightly unconvincing, the story is effective as a whole because of its coherent delivery.

One of the strongest points of the film is its cinematography. The pastoral beauty of the Indiana farmland is depicted in stunningly colorful shots of sunsets and sunrises over cornfields and farmhouses.

Mark Covino, a recent graduate of Burlington College, brought to the festival his short "Emily's Addition."

It is a story of a man who works a job he detests and finds his life generally unfulfilling. The only real excitement in his life is a recurring dream of his in which a beautiful girl comes to him in his sleep. He becomes obsessed with this dream and is determined to find her, although his search only leads to tragedy in the end.

The main character's psychiatrist is an alcoholic who drinks on the job and wears a watch that has a picture of Sigmund Freud on it and without numerals.

Another humorous aspect of the film is that the protagonist wears hip-hop gear in his dreams, while being nothing more than a shirt-and-tie-wearing office geek in reality.

While making a serious statement about individuality, Covino's film is rich in humor. The character quirks keep the film light and memorable.

*While this may seem like a handicap for any visual artist, Pfau uses her lack of sight as a filter for her digital photography*

Next to the write-up was a sheet of paper describing in Braille the motivation for, and the context of, the images she dis-

## Julliard quartet plays UVM

**The Lane Series features promising young musicians for an evening of classical music**

By JOSEPH ACQUISTO

UVM's Lane Series hosted a performance by the Calder String Quartet at the UVM Recital Hall Friday evening. The group consisted of young musicians who played together throughout their time as undergraduates at the University of Southern California and who are now in residence at the Julliard School.

The Lane Series performance was one of several activities for the group in their two days in Burlington, which included an informal concert and dialogue session in the lobby of the Honors College, and performances at the Fletcher Free Library and Radio Bean.

The Friday evening performance by the 26-year-old musicians revealed impeccable technique matched with an energy and intensity made all the more impressive with their seemingly effortless delivery.

Closely tuned in to one another, the musicians played and thought as one, making frequent eye contact and leaning towards one another in duet passages.

Their stage presence was unassuming and free of theatrics, as they let the intensity and excitement of the music take center stage.

Their program included works from three major periods of the string quartet repertoire, beginning with Haydn's "String Quartet in C, Op. 54, No. 2." The



From left, Benjamin Jacobson, Andrew Bulbrook, Eric Byers and Jonathan Moerschel (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

bright opening movement contrasted with the dark and weighty slower movements, which pro-

*The 26-year-old musicians revealed impeccable technique matched with an energy and intensity made all the more impressive with their seemingly effortless delivery*

vided an effective transition to Bartok's "String Quartet No. 6," composed in Hungary in the shadow of World War II.

Somber passages in the low register vied with a haunting and hollow tone in the upper in this work that featured the quartet as equal partners. The second and third movements were dark and biting—an anxious and disfigured march followed by a grotesque burlesque, each preceded by a

broodingly slow introduction.

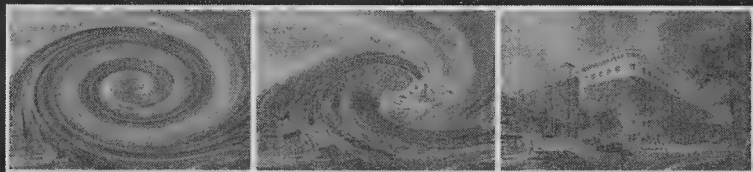
The group communicated all of the intensity of Bartok's music without exaggeration, so that the despairing quality of the music spoke for itself.

The final work was Brahms' "String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1," featuring a fine sense of ensemble without a hint of fatigue from these musicians who had spent the past two days giving four concerts and a radio performance.

The diversity of styles among the three pieces was complemented by marked contrast within each work. The uncharacteristic dark and ominous moments of the Haydn prepared the despairing moods of the Bartok, while the Brahms combined moments of exuberance with a more somber sensibility.

The program was a highly effective showcase both of the variety of the string quartet repertoire and of the versatility and finely tuned musicianship of the young and talented Calder Quartet.

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**VOTER REGISTRATION**

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**OCTOBER 21  
2006****GREEK GAMES**

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**SATURDAY NIGHT FILMS**

7:00p.m.- 1:00a.m.  
CC Theater I101  
"Lady in the Water"


**MEN'S HOCKEY**

7:05p.m.  
Gutterson Rink

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Vermont freshman Colin Vock (10) fights for the puck during the Cats 2-2 tie with N'earstern (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

# No gusto

## Cats blow lead, tie conference foe Northeastern 2-2

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Amidst a thunderstruck-laden sellout crowd of 4,003, Saturday's home opener at Gutterson Fieldhouse saw the #9 ranked University of Vermont men's ice hockey team tie Hockey East adversary Northeastern 2-2.

The Catamounts, fresh off their Ice Breaker Invitational tournament win, picked up goals from senior defenseman Art Femenella and sophomore forward Dean Strong in support of junior goaltender Joe Fallon's 19 saves.

Although the tie saw the Catamounts preserve their undefeated record on the young season (2-0-1), Vermont Head Coach Kevin Sneddon conceded that his team's performance was less than stellar, especially in the wake of recent upsets over then No. 14 Colgate and No. 8 Miami of Ohio.

"We learned a lesson tonight," Sneddon said. "Anybody can beat anybody on any given night. Northeastern came in and worked really hard and did a nice job against us. We made a lot of mistakes and have to learn from it. We didn't make a lot of mistakes last weekend, so it will be an important teaching week."

The Catamounts, looking to build upon their recent tournament success, aggressively dominated play in the first period, using four power plays to outshoot Northeastern 10-7.

Still, Vermont goaltender Joe Fallon had to make several key saves to keep Northeastern off the scoreboard.

The Catamounts, after three futile attempts on the power play earlier in the period, finally capitalized on the man advantage at the 7:10 mark to take a 1-0 lead.

Vermont sophomore forward Dean Strong, taking a pass from junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell, unleashed a wicked one timer from just inside the left circle that beat Husky goalkeeper Brad Thiessen. Senior defenseman Ryan Gunderson also picked up an assist on Strong's second goal of the season.

Northeastern, already down 1-0 and looking to bounce back from Tuesday's 5-2 loss to No. 1 Boston College, finally showed a sense of urgency and went on to dictate play after the puck was dropped in the second period.

Scoring on their 10th shot of the game, the Huskies got the equalizer at 8:15 of the second period when forward Joe Vitale deflected a wrist shot from senior forward Joe Santilli past Fallon.



### Next Home Game:

Fri. Oct. 20 vs. Michigan Tech @ 7:05 p.m.

The Catamounts quickly responded to the Huskies' goal by picking up one of their own and retaking the lead 2-1.

Vermont senior defenseman Art Femenella put the Cats back on top when his slapshot from the right point evaded a maze of traffic and Thiessen. Sophomore forward Peter Lenos and junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell picked up the helpers on Femenella's first goal of the season, the second of his career.

Northeastern responded by

finding the back of the net just 2 minutes later. Capitalizing on a tripping penalty by Vermont freshman Colin Vock, the Huskies evened the score at two at the 13:04 mark thanks to a wrist from defenseman David Strathman.

Taking a breakout feed from the goalie Thiessen, Strathman raced up the right boards and beat Fallon glove-side from just outside the right faceoff dot.

Entering the third period tied at 2, both goalies exchanged saves as the game tightened into a heavy-hitting, defensive battle.

The Catamounts, feeding off the energy of the Gut's 38th consecutive sellout crowd, took control midway through the third. After forcing several Northeastern icings, Vermont nearly took a deciding 3-2 lead but senior Tom Collingham's blistering wrist shot sailed just high and wide of the Huskies' goal. Regulation ended in a 2-2 tie as Vermont outshot Northeastern 7-6 in the final period.

As the five minute, sudden death overtime period began, the Catamounts looked to put away Northeastern and send the crowd home with a win. However, despite sustaining pressure in the Huskies' end, Vermont was unable to break the 2-2 tie.

Fallon, recently named the Hockey East Player of the Week, finished with 19 saves while Thiessen collected 24. Vermont ran its record to 2-0-1 on the season (0-0-1, Hockey East) while Northeastern remains winless at 0-1-1 (0-1-1).

The Catamounts will look to build upon their undefeated record when they return to action against Michigan Tech on Friday, Oct. 20 at 7:05 p.m. at "The Gut."

# Cats Triumph

## Overtime goal leads Vermont past Black Bears

By NICK DECARO  
Cynic Correspondent

In front of a crowd of 711 on a windy and brisk Saturday afternoon, the University of Vermont men's soccer team knocked off the Maine Black Bears 3-2 in double overtime on a goal by junior Tyler Hasman.

The win keeps Vermont atop the America East Conference with just one conference game remaining. The Catamounts look to capture home field advantage throughout the conference tournament.

Vermont came out slow and sloppy in the beginning of the first half and it quickly cost them. A turnover by the back line led to a foul and a free kick for Maine just 6 minutes into the game. Maine's Cooper Friend bent the long free kick into the upper left corner of the goal to give the Black Bears a

save to keep Vermont within a goal. The sophomore had 3 key stops on the afternoon.

At the 67:17 mark Vermont, tied up the game. Sophomore Jordan Crasilneck tucked a free kick just inside the right post, evening the score at 2-2. The goal was Jordan's team leading sixth of the season.

The Catamounts had one last chance in regulation. Geibel crossed the ball to Crasilneck who had his shot blocked, but almost put the rebound in with a diving header. Regulation ended with the teams knotted up at 2-2.

Vermont struck with the winning goal in the 103rd minute in the second overtime when Jordan Crasilneck sent a free kick into the box where junior Tyler Hasman was waiting and headed the ball into the upper-left hand corner of the net to give the Catamounts a 3-2 win and 3 crucial points in the conference. The goal was Hasman's fifth of the season and his second game-winner.

UVM is now 3-1-1 in overtime games this season. The experience may help them in the conference tournament.

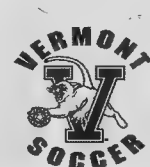
"We need to take care of business earlier, and we had the chance to do so," Cormier said. "However, it is a good quality to be able to rise up late in a game like this."

The Catamounts now sit at 8-5-3 (5-1-1), which puts them in sole possession of first place in the conference. Vermont controls its own destiny with one conference game remaining against second place Binghamton, who, along with Albany, sit a mere 1 point out of first. With the loss, Maine drops to 0-15-0 (0-6-0).

Coach Jesse Cormier did not seem too worried whether his team captured home field advantage for the postseason.

"It would be nice to get home field, but we are comfortable at home or on the road," Cormier said after the game. "Home field won't make or break us in the postseason, it will be our preparation and execution that will tell how far we go."

Vermont takes on Binghamton on Oct. 21. With a win, Vermont will capture the conference regular season title for the first time since 1989. The conference tournament begins on Oct. 28.



### Next Home Game:

Wed. Oct. 25 vs. Dartmouth @ 2:00 p.m.

1-0 lead.

"I think we learned quickly that just by looking at Maine's record doesn't mean they are just going to roll over for us, it takes work to be successful," head coach Jesse Cormier said.

The Catamounts broke through on a corner kick that was redirected by freshman Nick Mead and buried in the back of the net by sophomore Connor Tobin. Tobin's first career goal sent the game to halftime with the teams deadlocked at 1-1.

In the second half, Maine again stunned the Catamounts with an early goal. Jimmy Velas sent a nice ball to Dimitri Anastasiou, who beat the goalie Tom Critz who tried to cut the ball off but could not keep it from trickling over the line.

Critz soon found himself in a similar situation with Velas, but this time was able to make a great



Jake McFadden takes one of 26 Vermont shots in their 3-2 victory (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)



~ NFL ~

# Week seven predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

## Game of the Week

**Carolina at Cincinnati** – The Panthers and Bengals both have prolific offenses that can score in bunches and keep defensive coordinators up at night.

Since the return of WR Steve Smith, Carolina has been hitting on all cylinders, but going into Cincinnati will be one of the toughest games of the season. QB Carson Palmer has all the tools to lead his Bengals to victory. Final 27-24 Cincinnati.

## Best of the Rest

**Detroit at NY Jets** – The Jets have been playing very tough this season and should be able to bully the lackluster Lions with their superior play. Final 20-13 New York.

**Green Bay at Miami** – This game will come down to the players behind the center. The Dolphins have handed over the reins to journeyman Joey Harrington. The Packers still have Brett Favre, who will prove to be the difference in this game. Final 24-20 Green Bay.

**Philadelphia at Tampa Bay** – The Bucs have been have not played well this season after being picked by many to make the playoffs. On the other side of the spectrum, the Eagles are playing far and above peoples' expectations and will continue their winning ways. Final 27-10

Philadelphia.

**San Diego at Kansas City** – The Chargers have surprised everyone this season by being one of the top overall teams in the NFL. In Kansas City they will have to continue their stellar defensive play in order to win. Final 24-17 San Diego.

**New England at Buffalo** – The Pats barely got past the Bills earlier this season in Foxboro. But since that game New England has significantly improved and will be able to get through this tough challenge. Final 20-13 New England.

**Pittsburgh at Atlanta** – The Steelers have been struggling this season to get anything going as QB Ben Roethlisberger has been fighting to regain last season's magic. The Falcons are very tough in Atlanta and will give Pittsburgh another loss. Final 20-17 Atlanta.

**Jacksonville at Houston** – The Jags have been playing up and down all season but against the Texans their dominating defense will be able to control the game and secure the victory. Final 20-9 Jacksonville.

**Denver at Cleveland** – The Broncos have been amazingly stringent on defense this season, allowing almost no one into the end zone. This game will be a great opportunity for QB Jake Plummer to get his rhythm back against the porous Browns. Final 27-10 Denver.

**Minnesota at Seattle** – This will

be a huge game for both teams. The Vikings need the win in order to stay in the race for a wild card spot. But Seattle is one of the toughest places to play in the league and the Seahawks are looking very strong on both sides of the ball. Final 27-13 Seattle.

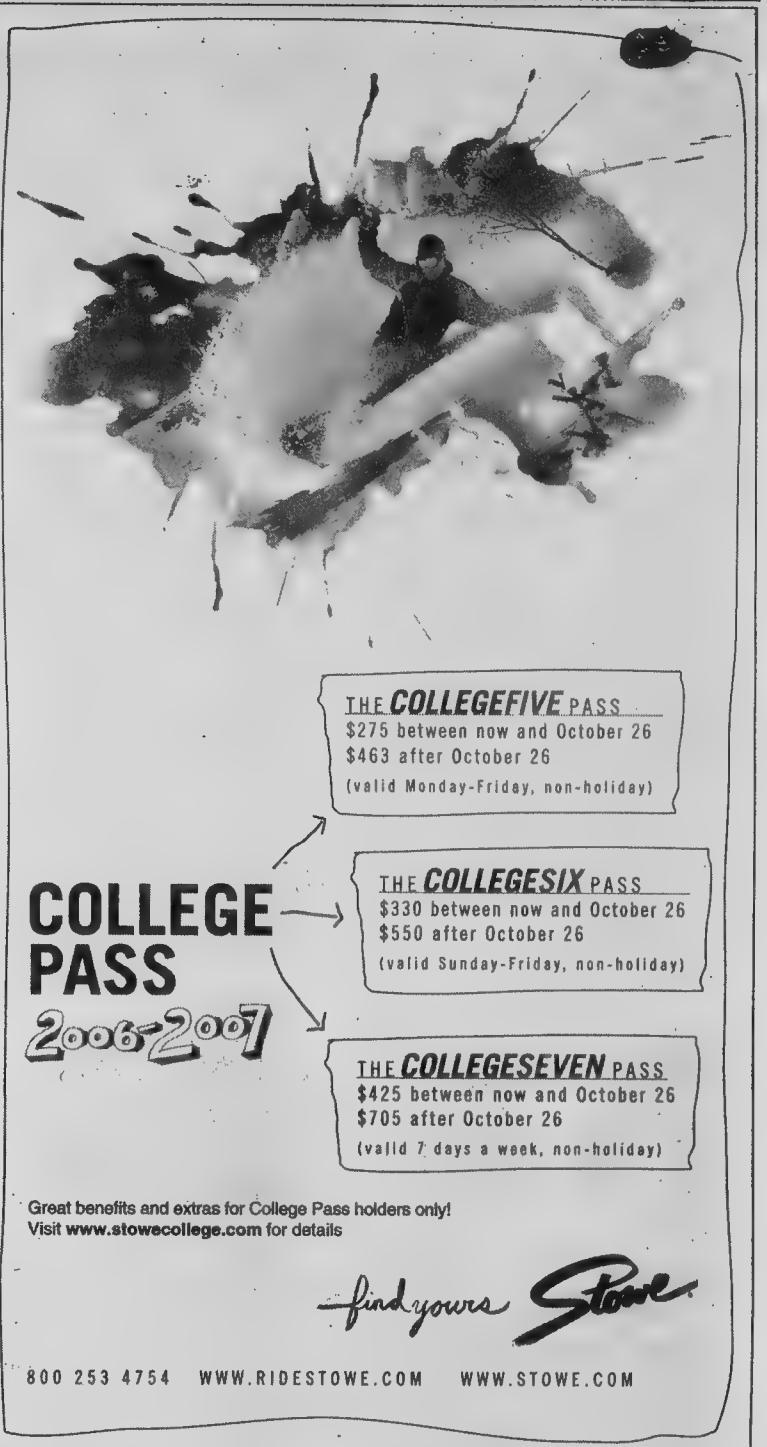
**Arizona at Oakland** – This might be the Raiders best chance of the season to win a game. The Cardinals came into the season looking like a playoff team but that changed when Arizona decided to start rookie quarterback Matt Leinart. Unfortunately, for Oakland fans, this will not be their week. Final 20-9 Arizona.

**NY Giants at Dallas** – The Cowboys are going through internal struggles with QB Drew Bledsoe and WR Terrel Owens stirring up the clubhouse. The Giants can use a victory in this game to stay with the Eagles in the division and separate themselves from Dallas. Final 30-24 New York.

## Upset Special

**Washington at Indianapolis** – The Colts have not played up to their potential this season and have been pulled along by QB Peyton Manning. The Redskins are starting to turn around their season and will shock Indianapolis at home. Final 27-24 Washington

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# Hall of Fame inducts seven

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

Alumni and families came back to Vermont for Homecoming Weekend this year with seven stellar alumni athletes in their midst. These former student-athletes were the 2006 class that was inducted into the UVM Athletic Hall of Fame.

"It's fun to come back to school," track and field star, Anna Norgren Mahon '96, said. "I haven't been here in a long time."

Others have imagined this day for quite a while.

"When I started [here], coach Brown (Jeffery C. Brown '82, the assistant men's basketball coach) got inducted," basketball legend, Eddie Benton '96,

## Basketball legend Eddie Benton leads group of former Catamount greats honored at ceremony

said. "I said that I would like to get that and it feels great to get in 14 years later."

Mahon and Benton headlined a cast of seven standout student-athletes honored with an induction into the Hall of Fame on Saturday Oct. 7 in the Emerald Ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel.

As athletes, coaches and families gathered, the room was abuzz with memories of playing days and big games. Many of the athletes had families and credited their UVM experiences for preparing them for life after college.

"Determination, hard work

and perseverance are three things that [I got from UVM]," inductee Amy Dwire Jamieson said. "Those things have helped me in my everyday life, [even] more so now as a parent."

The portrait ceremony commenced with former men's basketball coach Tom Brennan introducing Benton. In a way only Coach can, Brennan detailed the events that led a player from a mostly black high school to UVM.

"He was an ambassador that Martin Luther King would have been proud of," Brennan said. "I used to think to myself what would it be like if I went to Grambling. That's what it was like [for him], it's getting a little better now, but 10 years ago, Jesus."

The ever-popular Brennan concluded his speech on an especially high note with his traditional poem written to the inductee that concluded with, "I can't think of words that go better together than, 'Eddie Benton Hall of Famer.'"

Benton started his career with a bang, averaging 23.8 points per game during his freshman season. The soft-spoken athlete went on to score an astounding 2,474 points in his career, tops at Vermont and second all-time in the America East

Conference.

During his senior season Benton received the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award given to the nation's best player less than six feet tall.

"Without question, Eddie was one of the best players I have ever coached," Brennan said. "He was not just a tremendous scorer but a complete, all-around player."

After graduation, Benton played overseas for four years before returning to the States and taking up coaching.

Benton's spirited introduction was followed by the induction of two-sport standout Amy Dwire Jamieson '92.

"Amy was a very powerful athlete with an unbelievable competitive spirit," former track and field coach Ed Kusiak said.

Captain of both her field hockey and track and field teams, Jamieson graduated with five track and field records and won the 1992 Wasson Athletic Prize for excellence in athletics and academics.

"I think it's the people," Jamieson said when recalling her favorite memories at UVM. "I was really, really well supported here athletically and I got a great education and I had a lot of fun doing it."

Kusiak also had the opportu-

nity to coach Mahon who, after graduation, became the fourth UVM track and field athlete to compete in the Olympic Games.

While at Vermont, Mahon set the school record in the hammer throw (167' 10") and the 35-pound weight (54' 3.75"). After graduation she accelerated her career and distinguished herself on the national and international level.

Mahon was ranked sixth in the world in 2002 and in 2004 she made the United States Olympic Team that competed in Athens. She finished 29th in qualifying round and did not advance to the finals.

Also inducted into the Hall of Fame were three soccer standouts, John A. Hilton, Jr. '68, Kelly Martin '93 and Mike Mason '90 as well as star swimmer Wolf von Carlowicz '94.

The Hall of Fame selection committee is charged with the task of "[recognising and honoring] those individuals who have made significant contributions to the university through their participation or involvement in athletics," as stated in the bylaws.

In order to be eligible for the Hall, an athlete "must have attended UVM for at least four semesters and be separated from the university as an undergraduate for at least 10 years," according to the Hall of Fame Program.

The athletes inducted this year joined a prestigious list of more than 300 Hall of Fame members.



Hall of Fame inductees, from left: Mahon, Mason, Jamieson, Hilton, Benton, Carlowicz, Martin (Sally McCay/UVM Photos)





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AUSTIN DANFORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

## Another hot start

After starting out last season 7-0, climbing as high as #3 in the national rankings, the Hockey Cats suffered almost as startling a fall out of the polls.

That sparkling 7-0 start soon became 14-4-1 by the end of December, still superb, but not undefeated, and signs of a fall were evident. The offense that was clicking in October and November became a shadow of its self once Christmas and New Year's rolled around.

The Cats then faced the brunt of their rigorous Hockey East schedule. During away series at UNH and Boston College, UVM went 0-3-1. In home series against Maine and Boston University they went 0-1-3.

Throughout last season, team defense was great. The penalty kill was incredible and the power play was solid.

So why the 18-14-6 finish? The answer comes in the form of another question: what happened to the offense?

The scoring average consistently dropped over the last half of the season and can be easily linked to a consistently decreasing winning percentage.

Put simply, you have to be able to put the biscuit in the basket to win.

I only bring this up because we once again find ourselves in a familiar place: a stellar start, oodles of potential and a tough road ahead. My ultimate concern this year is whether my optimism will once again distort reality.

For the last week, UVM has been atop the hockey world.

Granted, it is the first week of a very grueling season, one that sees at least two rounds of midterms, one round of finals, and a month-long winter break. After beating then-#8 Miami and then-#14 Colgate, UVM certainly is the story of the young season.

And it's not like we snuck out of the Ice Breaker tournament with two victories - we spanked two of the top fifteen teams in dominant fashion.

The 6-0 win against Colgate was powered by an offensive barrage the likes of which had not been seen since early last season. That's 6-0 against a team that received a first-place vote in the USCHO.com preseason poll.

The victory against Miami, though not as staggering, made just as impressive a statement. A year ago, the Red Hawks experienced a meteoric rise themselves, but they managed to sustain their rise over the course of the entire season.

For the Cats, playing a Miami squad on their home ice and emerging with a 'W' makes for the perfect place from which to build a great season.

This year, as Hockey East sophomores, which road will we take: the road toward St. Louis and the Frozen Four, or the one to the middle of the Hockey East pack? With the utmost reasoning and sincerity, I think we're going towards the former, the NCAA tournament.

The question that will be answered in the weeks to come is whether or not we can make good on another hot start - will there be enough good hockey left in the tank when it matters, in January, February and March?

## Baseball spring preview

By NATE MATUSICK

The fall baseball season wrapped up Saturday Oct. 7 at Centennial Field with the annual "Catamount World Series", a three game inter-squad series.

The exhibition was the last opportunity for coaches to evaluate the talent on this year's version of the perennial playoff-contending Catamounts. The team looks to continue its string of recent success in reaching postseason conference play and to break through with an America East tournament championship and automatic bid to a NCAA regional.

Coach Bill Currier returns with a veteran crew up and down the lineup as well as in the pitching staff, but a select few new players do look to make significant contributions. Here's a comprehensive outlook for the spring:

### Infielders:

Captain Jim Chapman is the leader of the Catamount infield, which is the most experienced group within the team. He spent a significant time at second, third, and shortstop last year and looks to be the everyday shortstop for his final year.

Third base has the most depth of any place on the field. Former All-Conference player senior Miguel Magrass has experience at the hot corner but was injured for much of last year. His replacement, junior Kyle Massie, picked up the offensive slack by hitting .297 in 52 games. Redshirt freshman Brad Currier and sophomore Nate Matusick can also play third.

Senior combination player Bryan Rembisz brings solid defense to second base as well as uncommon power at the plate and could be replaced by Currier or other arrangements of players when he is needed to pitch.

Another combination pitcher/position player is slated to start at first in the form of big power hitting junior Kyle Henry. Along with Magrass, Henry will provide long-ball potential in the middle of the order. When Henry pitches, freshman and son of a former major leaguer, Bryce Shattie will see time at first base.

### Outfielders:

Senior Will Huntington roams center field and his speed will not only turn hits

into outs on defense but also afford him the opportunity steal bases on offense. Likewise, senior Nick Gallipani brings uncommon athleticism to left field.

Newcomer Ethan Paquette from St. Johnsbury Academy could occupy right field. He is blessed with cannon for a right arm and showed hitting prowess during the fall that includes home run power.

Left-handed freshman Isaac Bissell hits to all fields and has good speed and arm strength that allows him to play any of the three outfield spots.

### Catchers:

Both returning catchers saw time behind the plate last year for the Cats. Sophomore Jeff Nolet was an invaluable asset offensively, spending most of his time at first, but his strong arm should help this year to shut down opponents' running games.

Meanwhile fellow sophomore Jeff Heppner, who added valuable offensive production last year by hitting .280 with 2 home runs, can expect a lot of time both behind the plate and at designated hitter.

### Pitchers:

Junior captain Joe Serafin leads the pitching staff both with experience and performance. The southpaw starter will anchor the rotation with a full complement of quality pitches that features a devastating change-up and slow 12-to-6 curve.

Junior Eric Thompson, another lefty, will try to improve on his solid season last year which saw him post a 3.16 ERA and throw two complete games in only five starts.

Hard-throwing right-handed sophomore Keith Rakus was effective in most of his fall appearances and along with sophomore Jeremiah Bayer should round out the weekend rotation.

Sophomores John Boyle and Justin Albert will provide middle relief most often. At the backend of the bullpen, senior Bryan Rembisz is expected to close games with a mix of a nasty hard-breaking slider and a consistent high-80's fastball.

Although injured during the fall, righties Brandon Miles and Derek MacDonald hope to bolster Vermont's pitching along with freshman Ethan Paquette.

## SCOREBOARD

THIS WEEK AT UVM, OCT. 17 - OCT. 23

Wednesday (Oct. 18)

Field Hockey @ Dartmouth 5pm

Thursday (Oct. 19)

Women's Soccer @ Maine 3pm

Friday (Oct. 20)

Men's Hockey vs. Michigan Tech 7pm

Saturday (Oct. 21)

Men's Soccer @ Binghamton 1pm

Field Hockey @ New Hampshire 1pm

Women's Hockey @ Boston U 3pm

Men's Hockey vs. Michigan Tech 7pm

Sunday (Oct. 22)

Swimming @ Niagara 12pm

Women's Soccer @ Stony Brook 12pm

Women's Hockey @ Boston U 3pm

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Wednesday (Oct. 11)

Men's Soccer: L - BU 2, UVM 1 (2OT)

Field Hockey: W - UVM 6, UMass 4

Thursday (Oct. 12)

Women's Soccer: T - UVM 1, Hartford 1

Friday (Oct. 13)

Cross Country: Men 1st, Women 1st

Saturday (Oct. 14)

Men's Soccer: W - UVM 3, Maine 2 (2OT)

Swimming: W - UVM 126, Siena 94

Field Hockey: W - UVM 2, BU 1 (2OT)

Men's Hockey: T - UVM 2, Northeastern 2 (OT)

Sunday (Oct. 15)

Women's Soccer: W - UVM 2, UMBC 1 (OT)

Field Hockey: L - Rutgers 3, UVM 1

### TEAM RECORD (thru Oct. 14)

Men's Soccer

8-5-3, 5-1-1 America East

Women's Soccer

4-8-3, 2-2-2 America East

Field Hockey

8-6, 2-1 America East

Men's Hockey

2-0-1, 0-0-1 Hockey East

Women's Hockey

0-4-0, 0-2-0 Hockey East

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Words to Michelle  
From David Starrels

I didn't know you,  
But I knew your face,  
And grew to look at it everyday, while I checked the news.

And your eyes said a million beautiful words, as your smile confirmed those truths.

We came from neighboring towns, far south of here,  
I hope that we walked the same streets, knew some common people, went to some dumb  
parties, years ago...

And I was with your friends when they heard the news,  
Breaking down on the curb. The sobs, the cries, the indescribable pain,  
As we could feel the world cease its turning, as the fall colors stopped glowing..

And it hurts. It hurts so much.

And on Friday night while the fires burned, as the candles glowed, while the tears ran  
down, we reached our hands to yours,

And we could feel your presence, oh how we could!  
As the messages of wood pushed the fires, higher and higher.

We knew it was really you, reaching back

And that is the hope that we have.

And as the sun is so mistaken to shine,  
It is really only there,  
Because you have joined it.

We miss you so.



Friday, October 13, 2006







## DNA links Rooney



Brian Rooney's mug shot following his arrest (Burlington P.D.)

**Blood ties Brian Rooney to Michelle Gardner-Quinn's murder**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

Blood found on the jeans of Brian Rooney, the prime suspect in the murder of senior Michelle Gardner-Quinn, has been tested and found to have matching DNA to that of Gardner-Quinn, reported the Burlington Free Press.

The Burlington Free Press reported that Rooney's attorney, David Sleight, released the information in an interview with the Associated Press. Sleight reportedly thought that his client's most recent closed-door arraignment was open to the public, which is why he released the information.

Rooney, a 36-year-old resident of Winooski, Vt., was

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## Violence against women, the man made epidemic?

**Are men the reason that women are murdered, beaten and raped?**

STAFF REPORT

According to Women's Center director LuAnn Rolley, the number of women reporting to the campus victim's advocate has increased dramatically since 2005.

However, because gender-based and sexual violence are underreported crimes, it is difficult to know if these numbers represent an actual increase in the number of assaults, or if students, faculty and staff are simply more aware of campus

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## Frats and sororities diminishing at UVM

**Greek life in decline:**

■ In 1951, 27 percent of the students at UVM were involved in Greek life.

■ Kappa Sigma had 93 brothers in 1950, but by 1955 membership dropped to 44 students, a decline of more than 47 percent.

■ Greek life reached rock bottom in 1975 when Kappa Sigma only had seven brothers, an 86 percent drop from 1950.

■ Last year Fiji (Phi Gamma Delta) was investigated for hazing when allegations of a "Brokeback Mountain" party surfaced.

■ A major fiasco for the Greek community came when members of the Sigma Nu fraternity were arrested for theft of property from Yale during a pledge road trip.

■ Since 1979 six chapter houses that were part of the UVM Greek system were sold.

■ Champlain College has offered over \$2 million for FIJI (Phi Gamma Delta) on Main Street in Burlington.

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
Cynic Correspondent

Over the last few decades the University of Vermont's Greek organizations have seen a major decline in interest among students.

"I don't like the stereotypical guy that is usually in a frat and I don't like the traditions of the frats... and [also] that it does not fit in with my lifestyle or what seems to be the lifestyle at UVM," freshmen Aaron Bernstein said.

"I think that is shot down here. Fraternity men are TA's. There are those guys that have their collars popped and they love that. We're here and were involved on campus. A lot of guys are passionate about so many things," Andy Jones, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council said.

Lambda Iota was the first Greek society to be included in

See "Greek life" page 4

## Bacteria infects Harris residents

**Bacteria in Harris 3 Low bathroom infects four students**

By COLIN LUCAS  
Cynic Correspondent

Bacterial abscesses infected four students living in the Harris 3 Low Residence Hall, leading to doctor visits and an intense scrubbing of the hall's bathrooms.

Freshman Lindsey Harhen, a resident of Harris 3 Low, was one of the students infected. "The doctor said it was a common bacteria found in unsanitary bathrooms," she said.

"My abscess was really small," Harhen said, "it was just a lump under my arm." But she said that two other students infected with the bacteria developed abscesses in their throats, which had to be drained.

The bacteria is localized on Harris 3 Low, as the only known infections have been among students on that floor.

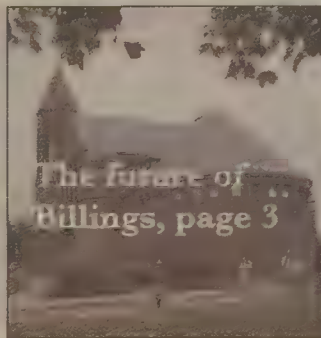
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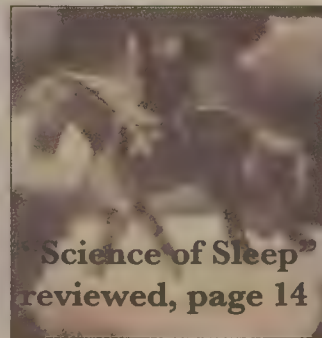
Harris Hall (Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)



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"What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured."

-Kurt Vonnegut



# UVM named 5th fittest

**Mens Health magazine names UVM in their annual list of America's fittest universities**

By **LAUREN VILBERT**  
*Cynic Correspondent*

The University of Vermont has been named the fifth fittest school in the nation, according to Men's Health magazine in the Oct. 2006 issue.

Dickinson College in Pennsylvania was ranked first according to the magazine.

The survey questions used to help rank the colleges "included questions regarding the amount of physical activity students participated in each week, how much time they spent doing sedentary activities (other than studying), how much fast food they ate, how many cigarettes they smoked, and how much alcohol they consumed," according to the magazine's Web site.

Additional survey questions were asked about the school, "such factors as how many fast-food chains were on campus, whether the school offered services such as extended gym hours and nutritionists; and how fit

individuals considered their own respective campuses to be," according to the Web site.

The University of Vermont Recreation Center, offers a variety of programs for students and faculty to get involved with including: club sports, intramural sports and fitness and instructional recreation, according to the recreation Web site.

There are 14 club sports and 22 intramural sports available on-campus for students. The fitness and instructional recreation gives students a chance to become involved with "personal training services, individual consultations/program design, drop-in group fitness classes, instructional fitness courses, conditioning programs and educational seminars," according to the Web site.

The new drop-in fitness program offers cycling, yoga, kick-boxing, lifting, and step and strength classes.

Ashley Grant, a UVM freshman work-study student that works at the recreation center said, "The club sports have increased and the new fitness program has also increased with students participating."

"A lot of people that come to work out I know by name and I know



Students sweat it out at the gym (Lindsay Tully/Vermont Cynic)

exactly how long they will stay. Most people that come to the gym have a workout routine," she said.

Peak times in the recreation facility vary throughout the week. "Usually mid-week is the most packed and Friday and Sunday are the most quiet days. The busiest time is from about four to nine," said Sydney Finkle, a UVM senior who also has a work-study job at the recreation center.

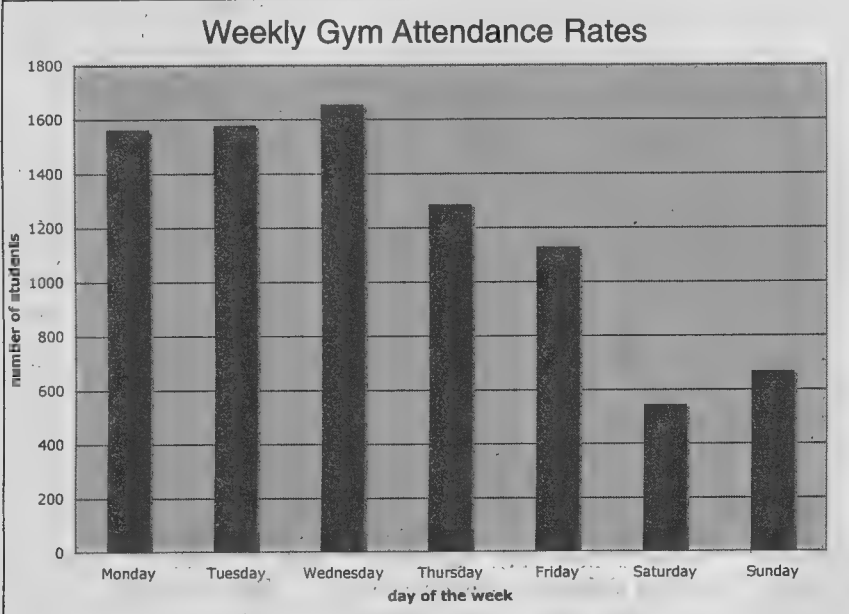
"The elliptical is the most popular equipment used," she said. "It is also surprising that just as many guys use the cardio machines but I never usually see girls use the weight room," she said.

The number of girls and guys that go to the gym is about even,

said Brandon Weaver, assistant director at the recreation center. "In general the number of people here [in the gym] is through the roof. Every winter, the fitness room is maxed out with the amount of people."

"We are noticeably a fit school! I have worked at numerous campus recreation and fitness centers around the U.S. and I certainly noticed a difference in activity levels here at UVM and around Burlington," said Kathleen Berg, coordinator of fitness at the recreation center.

The Fall 2006 semester average number of people that go to the gym is just under 8,500 visits per week, according to Berg. But, "These numbers are small compared to the colder, winter months," she said.



## Redstone Apartments embezzlement scandal

**Apartment's former management under investigation for embezzlement**

By **HAZEL RYERSON**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

The property manager of the Redstone Apartments sits alone in a spacious office where last year there were three employees.

The manager, Suzanne LaJoyce, is new to the Redstone Apartments, replacing Kim Barup who left abruptly last spring.

UVM police are currently investigating embezzlement allegations in connection with the former Redstone Apartments' management, according to UVM police, officer Timothy Bilodeau. "The owners filed the complaint...and I have done some audits," Bilodeau said.

The Redstone Apartments are located next to the Redstone Campus on land owned by the University and leased to the private company Novarr-Mackesey

of Ithaca, N.Y. according to the UVM Web site. The owner, John Novarr, had no comment.

One tenant who lived in the Redstone Apartments during the 2005-2006 school year said that Bilodeau asked her to make a statement about two separate \$250 cash payments that she made for a parking permit.

According to the tenant, who asked to remain anonymous, Bilodeau told her that these payments were never deposited in the bank and that the same is true of other tenants' permits, paid for in cash.

However, this same tenant, along with roommate Felicia Wilson, cites a violation of their lease as the reason for Barup's and the other two office employee's departure last spring.

According to the tenant, the lease stipulated that the apartment would be rented to four female undergraduate students only.

However, when one of the four women moved out, she was replaced by Jarrett, a 28-year-old male not affiliated with the University, Wilson said.



(Photo illustration: Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

According to Wilson, it was Jarrett's statement that Barup had approved his placement in the apartment that led to Barup's dismissal.

Leanne Field oversees the Redstone Apartments from the New York office and, according to Wilson, was in the Redstone Apartments office when Jarrett made this statement. "Leanne said Kim was fired," Wilson said. Leanne Field did not return phone calls to verify this statement.

The assistant property manager at this time said neither she nor Barup knew about Jarrett, and that they found out when the mailman saw the name while putting the mail in. She also said that Barup was not fired, but left to work for a friend in Maine. The manager also asked to remain anonymous, with the rationale

that Novarr-Mackesey is a "really, really nasty company."

The investigation is "not concluded at this point...No one

has been charged," Bilodeau said.

The Redstone Apartments house about 200 people, mostly UVM students.

### COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

#### Corrections from Issue 9, Oct. 17:

In the article "Men must make changes to stop cultural violence" that appeared on page 9 in the Op-Ed section, the by-line should have read:

**KEITH E. SMITH**  
*Men's Outreach center/staff counselor*





# Billings to become Center for Holocaust Studies

**A \$5 million alumnus gift to the University of Vermont makes center for Holocaust Studies possible**

By LIZ PETOW  
Cynic Correspondent

When UVM club offices move into the completed Dudley H. Davis Student Center, Billings Student Center will become the home of the Leonard and Carolyn Miller Center for Holocaust Studies, made possible by a recent generous donation by alumnus Leonard Miller and his wife Carolyn.

Miller, class of '51, announced his \$5 million pledge in April when on campus, according to Professor David Scrase, former director of the Center for Holocaust Studies.

Of the \$5 million, \$3 million will go directly to the renovation of Billings. The other \$2 million will go towards creating two new professorships for Holocaust Studies.

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Miller, a retired Florida real estate developer, has been a donor to the University and to the Center for Holocaust Studies in the past. He has established an endowment in his name, which provides funds for Holocaust Studies faculty and the Miller



Home of the future UVM Center for Holocaust Studies (Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

Symposium.

President Fogel commented on the donation in a University communications statement: "We are so very grateful to Lenny and Carolyn Miller for this extraordinary gift. Thanks to their thoughtful and purposeful philanthropy, the University of Vermont will stand even taller among the handful of institutions worldwide known for the excellence of their teaching and scholarship surrounding one of the defining events in human history."

The Center for Holocaust

Studies was established at UVM in 1992.

Professor Robert Bernheim, the current interim director of the center, explained that it was created to help continue the work of Raul Hilberg.

Hilberg is a retired UVM professor, noted scholar of Holocaust studies and recent recipient of the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, one of Germany's highest honors.

The center, which offers a minor in Holocaust studies, also

hosts cultural and academic events, such as the Raul Hilberg Lecture.

The center is primarily dependent on gifts, Scrase said, and will benefit from its new home in Billings. It will give the center a more solid foundation and the ability to expand beyond their "one tiny office," Scrase said.

The Center for Holocaust Studies will move from its current offices in the Old Mill Annex to the North Lounge Gallery, Scrase said.

The center also possesses a

small library and art collection that will be housed in Billings under the control of Special Collections, Scrase said.

The new professorships "will allow us to expand our offerings for the Holocaust Studies minor, and engage more students in our particular field," Bernheim said. It is a strain on current professors to offer enough courses for interested students.

**The renovations of Billings will also serve to include the Center for Research on Vermont and the UVM Library's Special Collections**

Fogel and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Eleanor Miller, will determine the professorships, Bernheim said.

The renovations of Billings will also serve to include the Center for Research on Vermont and the UVM Library's Special Collections, which is now located on the bottom floor of Bailey/Howe Library.

The inclusion of the Special Collections will partially return the building to its original function, as a library.

These changes will not be happening soon Bernheim said.

The current freshmen class might be lucky enough to see the beginnings of this project in their senior year.

## Taxis to accept CatCards

**SGA looks to have taxis accept CatCards**

By TOM PAYEUR  
Cynic Correspondent

It's late at night, you're downtown, and you just used your last dollar to get into that party. Don't worry, that student ID you carry just became your personal chauffeur.

On Oct. 17, Chair of the Committee on Legislative Action

(COLA) Senator Sean McCarty announced his committee's new approach to campus safety. "We're trying to get CatScratch acceptable by taxis," McCarty said.

In a collaborative effort with the Office of Student and Community Relations (OSCR), the Committee on Public Relations and COLA are striving for tighter campus safety.

First in this round of new awareness is an advertised off-campus bus route. To make such an advertisement appealing and

straightforward, Senator Kaitie Conrad suggested making a "creative, magic school-bus type map."

Buddy-up posters will also be placed around at local businesses, such as Nectars and Halvorson's Café, McCarty said.

**"We can and should do everything possible to address this issue of student safety off-campus and on campus as well"**

-Sean McCarty  
SGA Senator

The community's effort and help to promote safety in the downtown area has been overwhelmingly impressive, McCarty said.

Next on the list is the implementing of CatScratch with local taxicab services.

Five cab services have been contacted by the CatCard Service Office, said CatCard business manager Lisa Malley. They are: Friendly Fare Cab Service, Venways Taxi, Gabe's Taxi, Quik Cab, and Yellowcab.

Friendly Fare Cab Service and Venways are currently the only ones to adopt the CatScratch idea, said Malley. They will be ready for service by this Wednesday, Nov. 1.

"They're getting a great deal," said Malley. "If they sign



Burlington Taxi (Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)

up prior to Dec. 1, we'll waive the cost of equipment, \$185, and the joining fee, \$125."

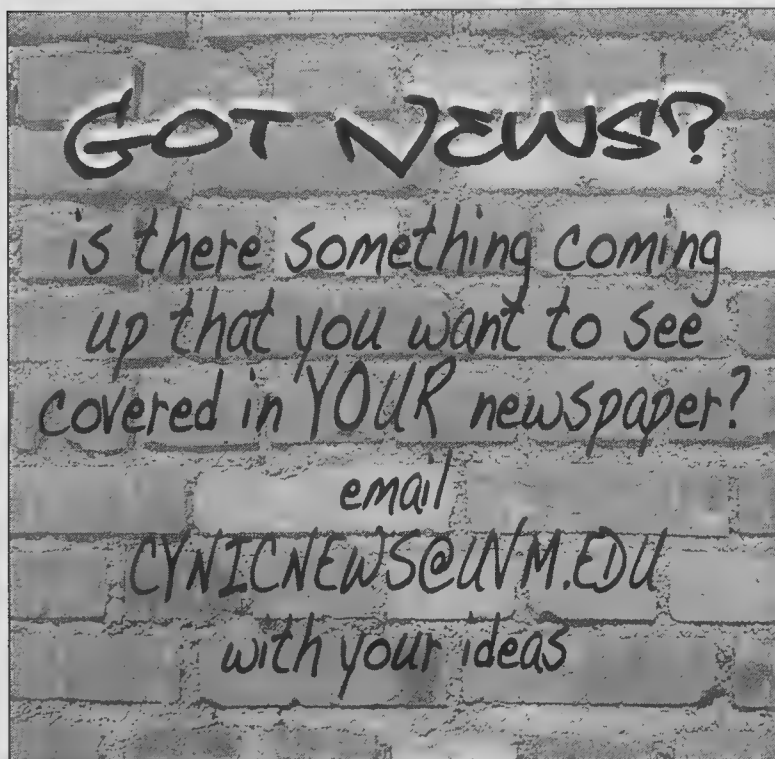
"In light of everything that happened, I think it's a great idea," freshman Rachel Douglass said. "I mean I've walked home alone before. But since that [Gardner-Quinn died] happened, I wouldn't walk back alone. Ever."

Every student can have an impact on the decisions being made about campus safety. "We encourage people that if they want to learn more about safety

issues to ask an SGA Senator or contact the Office of Community and Student Relations," McCarty said.

"We can and should do everything possible to address this issue of student safety off campus and on campus as well."

Malley also stressed the idea of student interaction. If anyone knows of any other local transportation service that hasn't been mentioned, they can contact Malley's office at 802-656-4501.





# Gardner-Quinn

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arraigned on Thursday Oct. 19 at the Chittenden County District Court on unrelated charges of aggravated assault and inciting a felony, according to Burlington police.

Rooney was also arraigned Monday Oct. 16 in St. Johnsbury for unrelated charges of sexual assault, attempted sexual assault and lewd and lascivious conduct with a child. Rooney plead not guilty to all charges.

"I made a mistake this morning that's going to cause me some trouble," The Burlington Free Press reported Sleight said Thursday night. "It was a fundamental error of mine to make assumptions."

Sleight said that the DNA analysis information can be found in an affidavit that the District Court will not release because it is under seal, reported the Burlington Free Press. The DNA match is the first reported physical evidence linking Rooney to Gardner-Quinn.

"Once the information comes together, we're looking at potentially having something occur during this week or next week," Burlington police Lt. Kathleen Stubbing said of pressing charges at a press conference on Monday Oct. 16.

"I would say that we're feeling positive, that we're moving forward and the information will

hopefully bring us to a resolution to this in the near future," Stubbing said.

Burlington police were not able to disclose details of the ongoing investigation, but did release the preliminary results of Gardner-Quinn's autopsy at the press conference.

The Vermont chief medical examiner's office classified her death as a homicide and listed the cause of death as pending. Questions of where and when she was killed remain unanswered.

"I would say that we're going to keep the pace that we've been at and we're pushing forward and dealing with anything that comes in as quickly and as expeditiously as we can," Stubbing said. "We're already going at a record pace."

Other questions arose at the press conference about a "miss-

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-Lt. Kathleen Stubbing

ing link" in information already gathered that is preventing a resolution to the investigation,

although the recent DNA findings may fill-in some of the blanks.

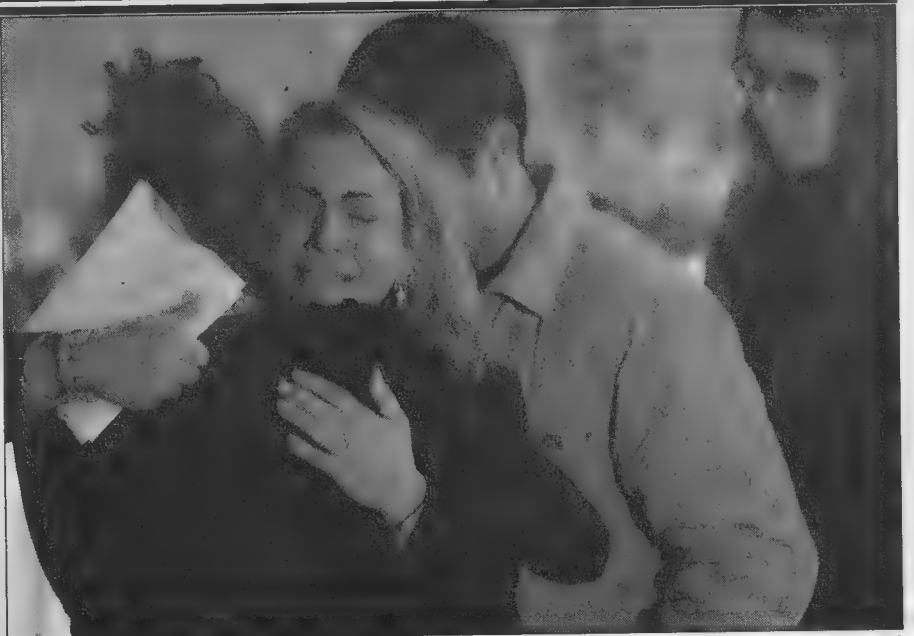
"Well, I believe that there's a lot of information that we have gathered that we're looking to corroborate as well as obtain additional information that would assist," Stubbing said.

Police are still interested in any information concerning Rooney's whereabouts at the time of Gardner-Quinn's disappearance and the red Jeep Grand Cherokee that is registered in his name. Stubbing also listed several of Gardner-Quinn's personal items that police are still searching for.

UVM President Mark Daniel Fogel recently gave praise to the Burlington Police Department, commending their job in supporting the family and University.

"I am extraordinarily grateful to the Burlington Police Department and all of the law enforcement agencies," Fogel said Friday when asked about the investigation. "They couldn't have supported the University better and worked any closer with the family."

Police said the family of Gardner-Quinn continues to express gratitude to Burlington



Gardner-Quinn's family and friends embrace at memorial (courtesy of Burlington Free Press)

law enforcement and community in their efforts and support during this time.

The UVM community came together for a memorial for Gardner-Quinn Sunday Oct. 15, in the Ira Allen Chapel, which focused on some of Gardner-Quinn's passions - music, the environment, and yoga - and helped in dealing with her tragic death.

The service included readings from the Old and New Testaments, words of remembrance from assistant professor Cecilia Danks of Environmental Studies and Natural Resources and some of Gardner-Quinn's friends. Also part of the service were performances of two of Gardner-Quinn's favorite hymns.

"As we gather, there are many of whom feel they are

blowing up inside of them," Rev. Sue Marie Baskette said over an undertone of sobs. "We are sad, feeling only an emptiness where once there was joy and warmth, which were provided by Michelle's radiant smile."

"And we are angry...wanting to shout and scream at the top of our lungs, 'Why? Why God, why?' Yet there is no answer, only the stinging reminder of our frail existence here on earth."

A pamphlet made for Gardner-Quinn's memorial service offers a positive, emotional outlook on her death as written by Mary Elizabeth Frye in her poem "Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep."

"Do not stand at my grave and cry," Frye wrote. "I am not there. I did not die."

## Greek life

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the UVM community, with their conception in the later 1800s. According to a report from the May 1983 Student Activities Council of the board of trustees, by the time period of 1945-1965, Greek life at UVM had reached its heyday.

Fraternities and sororities were able to attract large amounts of students to their lifestyle and in 1951, according to the yearbook, 27 percent of the students were involved in Greek life.

Some of the most impressive years for Greek societies were the early 1950s. Fraternity Kappa Sigma, according to the 1950 yearbook, had 93 brothers that year. Numbers at Kappa Sigma, according to the 1955 yearbook, dropped to 44 brothers.

Greek life reached rock bottom in 1975 when Kappa Sigma only had seven brothers. This is an 86 person drop from their peak of brotherhood in 1950.

The rest of Greek life was in despair as well. According to a 1983 report to the board of trustees, Greek life reached a low of five percent.

"The two principle reasons the Greek membership numbers have declined since the early 1980s are behavior and interest. Some of the chapters that are no longer here left due to inappropriate behavior from members of the organization" director of student life Pat Brown said.

However, due to an increased effort by the University, Greek life expanded noticeably throughout the 1980s. In a 1985 statement of relations,

the University stated that, "the University reaffirms its commitment to a strong and viable Greek option for its students."

The effects of the University's renewed interest in Greek life was noticeable in the

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numbers. According to Pat Brown, by 1979 Greek membership accounted for 14 percent of the student population, and in a 1983 report to the board of trustees, Greek life in 1982 represented 15 percent of the University population.

However, this increase would soon reach problems, and as Brown mentioned, inappropriate behavior caused a decline in the Greek population at UVM. The current Greek population at the University can, according to Brown, be marked at around 7 to 8 percent of the student population. The numbers took a significant drop in their populations after a few houses on campus were disbanded for hazing.

Another major fiasco for the UVM Greek community came when members of the Sigma Nu fraternity were arrested for theft of property from Yale during a pledge road trip.

The decline in Greek life at UVM has not gone unnoticed by the Burlington community and



A fraternity house at the University of Vermont (Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)

Champlain College. Since 1979, Brown recalls six chapter houses being sold off.

"People are dying for the locations. Champlain has offered

over \$2 million dollars for FIJI (Phi Gamma Delta). It's disheartening. I'd like to see Greek life expand on campus," Jones said.

UVM fraternities occupy spaces on Main Street and

College Street, often in large homes making them attractive to Champlain College for potential dorms or office spaces, according to Jones.

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# Violence against women

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resources.

Even if violence against women has not increased at UVM, crimes and violence perpetrated by men against women have been significant this semester.

Since September, a man posed as a sock salesman to fondle women's feet, a 46-year-old man was charged with lewd and lascivious conduct on Athletic Campus, a naked man assaulted three female students in Harris Hall, 16 new cases of gender based and sexual violence were reported to the Women's Center in September and Michelle Gardner-Quinn was abducted and murdered.

**In the 2005 fall semester 40 assaults were reported to the campus victim advocate: a 286 percent increase from the 2001-2005 semester average of 14 reported assault case**

According to statistics collected by the Women's Center, in the 2005 fall semester 40 assaults were reported to the campus victim advocate, Windy Paz-Amor: a 286 percent increase from the 2001-2005 semester average of 14 reported assault cases.

"Violence against women is a health crisis," Paz-Amor said before a crowd of students in the Ira Allen Chapel on Oct. 12.

The crisis of violence against women at colleges and universi-

ties is especially dangerous. According to a report published by the U.S. Department of Justice, women on college campuses "are at greater risk for rape and other forms of sexual assault than women in the general public."

A college campus with 5,000 female students could potentially experience 175 rapes each year. Over the course of a college career more than 25 percent of female college students could be raped, according to the report.

"It is unfortunate that our society is in a place that, as women, we don't feel safe," UVM graduate school alumni Rachel Weston said at Burlington City Hall on Oct. 13, before a press conference that announced Gardner-Quinn's body was found.

"As a woman, everyone has a right to feel safe in their community without the threat of violence," Weston said.

## Sexist society and standards

Burlington police Chief Thomas Tremblay's mind is full of terrible stories and images of woman that have been victimized by men. He said that those memories will live with him forever.

According to a U.S. Justice Department report, many women that have been raped do not define what happened to them as rape and do not seek support because society places blame on them, the victim, not on the rapist.

"Victim blaming occurs in our everyday life and especially in the media," said Tremblay. "When a woman is the victim people say, 'why was she out

alone, or wearing those clothes.' When men are the victims we never do that. Why aren't we blaming the perpetrator?"

According to research done by associate professor of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Dr. David Lisak, only about five percent of rapists are in jail or in treatment programs and only 16.9 percent of stalking incidents are reported to campus authorities or the police.

malized," Rolley said.

In Vermont, many men that are convicted of domestic assault are required to complete correctional programs as part of their terms of probation. The Domestic Abuse Education Project (DAEP) educates male batterers to be accountable for their violence and unlearn the privilege that they, as men, think they have in society.

"As men we really have to

## Men: the cause of violence

Since 1998, 69 percent of all reported crimes at UVM were committed by male students according to data collected from The Center for Student Ethics & Standards.

51 percent of college males admitted to perpetrating one or more incidents of sexual assault during their time at college, according to a report by The National Center for Victims of Crime.

Nine out of 10 rapes that occur on college campuses are committed by men that knew their victims either as a boyfriend, ex-boyfriend, classmate, friend, acquaintance, or co-worker, according to the Justice Department report.

According to a report by The National Organization for Women, U.S. women are 10 times more likely than men, and between two and four million women of all races and social classes are battered by men each year in the U.S.

According to FBI statistics, about four women are murdered every day by boyfriends or husbands in the U.S. That's about 1,400 women that are murdered by their partners each year.

Research done by Lisak indicates that more than six percent of men have raped or attempted to rape women.

Of the men that admitted to raping women, 63 percent admitted to committing multiple rapes of women, averaging almost six rapes each, stated Lisak's research.

58 percent of the men that attempted or succeeded to rape women also admitted to multiple acts of violence, such as battery, physical/sexual abuse of children and sexual assault, according to Lisak.

## By the Numbers

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Violence against women is invisible to many people because it is kept out of the public's attention. Most cases of violence against women occur in residences and are not admitted to by the men that commit them. On college campuses, almost 60 percent of all rapes occur in the room of the victim, according to a U.S. Justice Department report.

"We live in a culture that is so media saturated with male violence against women that we are becoming desensitized and men's violence against women is nor-

stand up and be accountable with each other," DAEP co-facilitator, Men's Outreach coordinator and staff counselor Keith Smith said at the Oct. 12 Safety Forum in the Ira Allen Chapel.

Speaking about sexist assumptions that many men make, Smith said, "young men still don't understand that how a woman dresses doesn't determine who she is... We need to get men in the community to become role models and leaders."

## Abscesses

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Freshman Stacy Venditti, was outraged to see residents of her floor become infected because of what she said are unsanitary bathrooms.

"It started with the house-

**"We are not happy campers on that floor, I'm not gonna lie"**

-Stacy Venditti

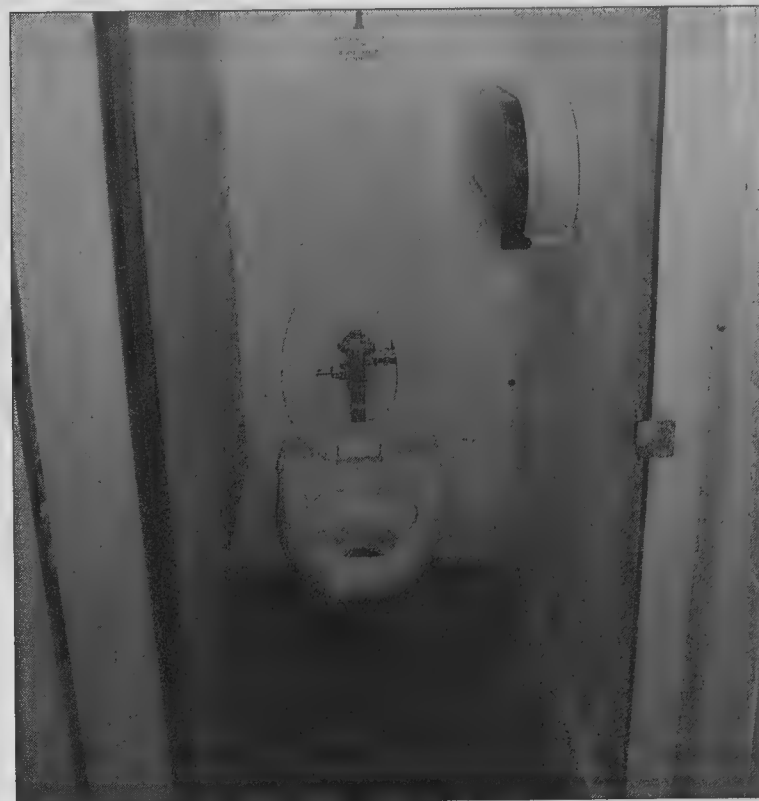
Harris 3 Low Resident

cleaners not cleaning our bathroom for five days. Then Lindsey noticed she had a bump under her arm, then another friend went to the doctor for an abscess, then another girl got two bumps in her throat and she had to have them drained. She might have to get her tonsils out because of it.

"It has spread not only to two girl's bathrooms, but also to a boy's bathroom. It's like an epidemic on our floor. It's only on 3 Low and it's not on [Harris 3] High. You go into the showers and you don't even want to touch the wall."

Citing Colby Eck's naked attacks, which also occurred on Harris 3 Low, Venditti said, "we are not happy campers on that floor, I'm not gonna lie."

Harris 3 Low R.A. Alex Cruz said, "It's really not that exciting," but was unable to release any information about the



Harris bathroom (Vermont Cynic)

incident.

Harris-Millis Residence Director Chris Fiorello said, "My policy is that I don't give quotes to *The Cynic*. Period." He cited the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as his reasons for not speaking.

FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records, according to Fiorello.

Estelle Maartmann-Moe, director of the Center for Health and Wellbeing, said there is nothing to worry about in regards the infections.

"As far as we can tell, there

is no outbreak going on," she said. "Probably these four student infections are not related."

"This time of year, it's midterms, people are stressed, they are not getting enough sleep, they are probably not taking as good of care of themselves, so people are more prone to infections. But they did go back in there and clean the bathrooms super-special."

Maartmann-Moe advised that students take extra care in washing themselves, watching cuts and taking care of their general hygiene to prevent infection.

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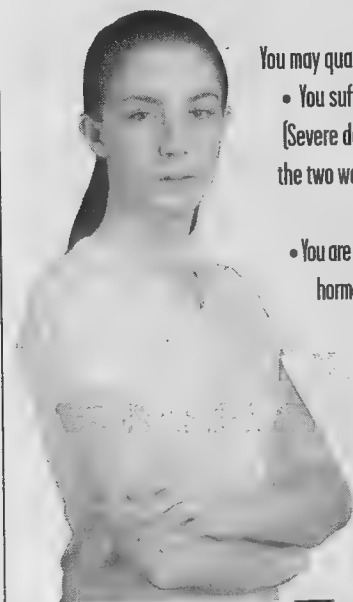
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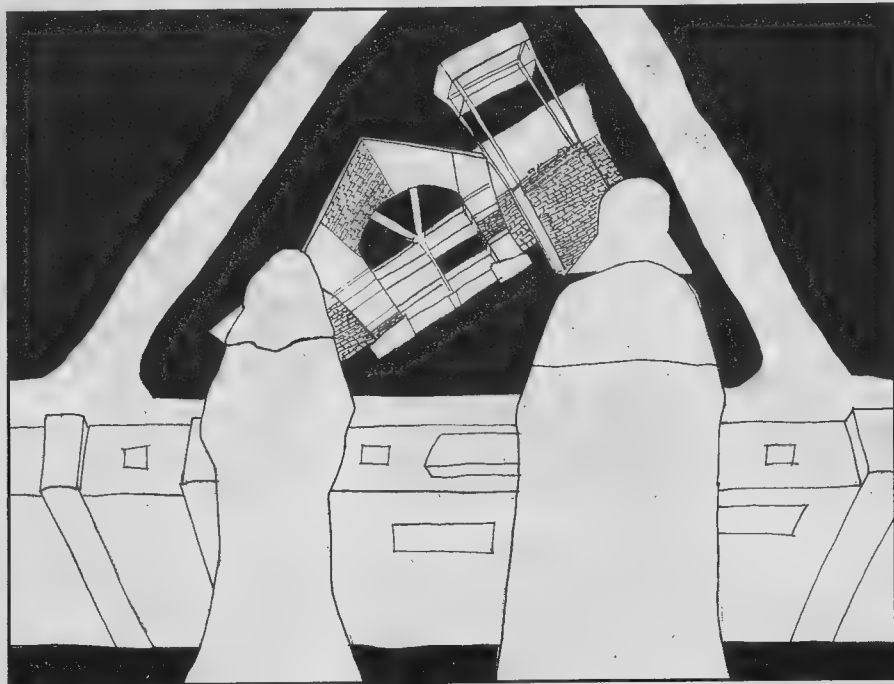
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# Collegiate sports and the dark side of the university

The high price of college education is exacerbated by a preoccupation with sports

Opinion Editorial - SHANE CLARK - Op-Ed Editor

The infamous college basketball coach Bob Knight once quipped "if [college sports] isn't a business, then General Motors is a charity."

Some college teams in America have become so synonymous with their sports, programs like Duke Basketball and Notre Dame Football that you tend to forget that they are indeed colleges.

Copious amounts of dollars each year are being spent on building new arenas and stadiums for college sports teams, purchasing new equipment, hiring assistant coaches for assistant coaches and sparing no expense jet-setting teams across the country.

Those millions end up being paid by taxpayers, students or parents.

The reality is that the majority of people in this country cannot afford higher education. For middle to lower class families, college is a frightening financial reality, and consciously or not, the majority of parents do not want to pay for their child's college education.

Essentially, a student has to have rich parents or earn a scholarship to be able to afford tuition costs.

According to the Global Education Report in 2005, out of the 16 leading industrialized nations, America had the highest average tuition cost after government subsidization.

Am I the only sane person left who finds it absurd that so many people are excluded from higher education due to its impossible price?

America will never be able to claim itself again as a leader of research, development and commerce unless it can make higher education the norm rather than the burden.

The August 2006 U.S.

vate or city owned teams couldn't fill the void if college sports teams ceased to exist.

The culture of collegiate sports is draining the financial resources that could restore American academics. Money for stadiums, staff, and athletes would be better spent on grants, scholarships, and tuition cuts.

Are European, or Asian, colleges spending the same

**America will never again be able to claim itself as a world leader unless it can make higher education the norm rather than the burden**

Census Bureau report found that the average tuition and room and board costs at the nation's four-year private and public colleges and universities for one complete academic year is more than double the corresponding 1990 figure.

Why is higher education so important?

Because graduates with advanced degrees earn an average of \$74,000 per year after graduation while students with only a high school diploma earn only \$27,000 per year after graduation according to the Census Bureau.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy playing ball as much as the next person. But, colleges are not minor leagues; they are academic institutions.

There is no reason why pri-

amount of resources on higher education sports teams that we are? The answer is a resounding no.

Take the United Kingdom for example. Did you know that universities in England don't charge tuition? Sure, they require students to pay university fees, but the maximum fee a university can charge is capped at \$5,500 per year (depending on the conversion rate that day). I'd bet that if English schools had 50,000 capacity soccer stadiums, and a plethora of full time, fully funded sports teams, those universities would start charging tuition.

What needs to happen is a re-evaluation of the University's purpose. To what ends satisfy the profiteers of the new higher education industry?

The University of Vermont is by no means one of the culprit institutions in the trend toward big sport schools, but it does have the symptoms of the disease.

Last year a large part of the education department was cut. It's probably no coincidence that it coincided with the parking lot renovation for the gym, or the administration's quiet plans on building a new sports stadium to replace the simpler, and smaller Patrick Gymnasium and Gutterson Field house.

Every year America is losing ground to foreign countries in business, finance, medicine, technology and respected leadership due to its poorly funded educational system, if that means sports have to go, then so be it.

So, call me what you will for saying I'd rather see more of my high school peers in college, than watch another Catamount run during March Madness.

Just don't complain when you end up losing your white-collar position at General Motors because it was outsourced to a worker that doesn't need a \$45,000 a year base-pay-job just to cover their basic living expenses after school loan payments.

But hey, at least the baseball team gets to spend spring training in Florida like their Major League heroes.

## Letters to the Editor

### Military recruiters cross the line

The article in last week's *Cynic* concerning the military's access to student records here at UVM is a powerful reminder that the government's policies have a definite impact on people at campus.

Their ability to get information on our education, address, Social Security number or gender and ethnicity seems to me to be an obvious overstepping of boundaries. The fact that the government can withhold funding if a school does not comply is even more absurd.

Military recruiters may be desperate to up their quotas, but this is not the way in which possible service members should be pursued.

With all the information stored in a national database, there is a large chance that it could be shared with other government agencies or even the private sector. Our rights are being violated and in a major way.

But, worst of all, most students have no idea that this is going on. Bush's government agencies will continue to get away with policies like this until students become informed and actively oppose them.

We need to come together and speak out against our loss of privacy. Withholding funding from school is, essentially, the government's attempt at bribery.

Unless we make an attempt to convince UVM that this is a violation of our privacy, they will most likely not even give a second thought to handing out information. Nothing is going to change until those who are directly affected speak up.

I know that, personally, I don't feel comfortable with the knowledge that a military recruiter could easily recite my GPA, Social Security number and parents' address. There is a line that needs to be drawn in terms of private and public information and this amendment has crossed it.

If you also feel strongly about your records being released to military recruiters, you can attempt to opt out of it by sending a letter to the admissions office asking for privacy.

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## The Cynic's Disturbing Quote of the Week

"Football, fraternities, and fun have no place in the university. They were introduced only to entertain those who shouldn't be in the university."

Robert M. Hutchins,  
former President of the University of Chicago.



## Letters to the Editor

### Grow up and take a business class, hippies

I cannot believe the ignorance of the people who complained and threw a hissy fit over the "Stop the Madness" insert in the past issue of *The Cynic*.

Grow up, it's called Business 101. *The Cynic* needs money from advertisers so that YOU can keep reading it for free (and keep throwing tantrums over every single item that is even a remotely conservative idea).

*The Cynic* should not have to apologize to a largely misinformed liberal student population for deciding to not simply throw the insert out and forget about it. Take a business class, hippies.

CARA MOREFIELD  
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### Men don't need Mr. Smiths re-education

Keith Smith preached in his article last week in the Opinion section that we must "Acknowledge...how sexism, male dominance and male privilege lay the foundations for all forms of violence against women." This assertion is so completely absurd and blatantly untrue that it boggles the mind.

Smith inexplicably accuses the majority of men as "supporting it." Smith states that, "when we choose not to speak out against men's violence, we are supporting it." Smith's accusation is shocking and offensive.

I, like most men, are opposed to violence against women. The idea that if I don't go out everyday and announce my objection to violence then I am a supporter of it is dangerous and false.

Just imagine the outcry if I were to say that any person of Islamic faith who does not speak out after every terror attack is, him or herself a terrorist!

In a free society like ours, just because we are part of one ethnic, religious, racial or gender group we are not doomed to condemnation for the actions of another member of our group.

I noticed that there was no rally (at UVM) to protect women after news broke around the nation that a woman's baby was cut out of her living womb by another woman. Are all UVM women supporters of womb destroying killers? No. But if one uses Mr. Smith's logic they could safely be accused of just such support.

I don't think "re-education" by Mr. Smith (a known male!!) and his platitude loving ilk is an intelligent choice for people who want to have good relations between the sexes. And I sincerely hope he stays far away from our collective "man boxes," whatever on God's green earth that means.

J.B. BRITTEN III

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# If Rambo can't, nobody can

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

I am tired of politicians and citizens asking for a solution to America's military problems.



The new buzzword is "exit strategy." Everyone is talking about how Afghanistan, Iraq, and every other country that looks at us funny (you heard me Belgium) cannot be defeated by military operations.

Clearly these individuals have decided to be myopic in their understanding of military forces. Donald Rumsfeld is right. We need a small, tactical unit that can go in and eliminate the enemy anywhere in the world at a moments notice. The problem with Rummy's plan was he still thought too large.

Rum Tum Tucker argues using small tactical units of special forces. I think we need to be even more minute.

We need a single tactical soldier. In fact, we already have this tactical soldier, a man who has defeated America's enemies everywhere and doesn't need the support of the whiney U.N. Security Council. That man, John Rambo.

John Rambo is the great-

est American hero.

He single handedly saved American POWs, stopped red-neck sheriffs, and saved Afghanistan from Russia. They should deploy him again so he could eliminate the Taliban.

John Rambo is the superstar of guerilla warfare. He knows more about the insurgent's tactics than they do.

Want to end North

the orbs to send in a one-man killing machine.

The greatest part about sending in a whirling dervish of destruction is that it is perfectly legal. We can finally escape all those scandals that hamper our ability to defend freedom. The Geneva Convention does not have any explicit criminal penalties against mercenaries. In fact,

in the continent.

Besides, I am only basing my theory on the documentaries that are based on the exploits of John Rambo. There might be an even more muscle-bound patriot who can go solve our quagmires with a gun, bow, or rocket launcher (but I don't want to limit their options).

There is an old saying, "war is far too important to be left to generals." I believe that war is too important to be left to the military.

If movies have taught us anything it is that the standard military soldiers are usually the extras that die within the first 45 minutes, well before the first plot twist.

The only survivors are the real Americans. People like George Bush or John Rambo, men who shoot first, shoot second, shoot some more, and then maybe ask some questions.

If we as a nation want to win the "War on Terror," then we need to use the terrible tools.

Rummy thinks we need a scalpel, I know we need an even smaller razor, to implement an inevitable onslaught of pain to all of America's enemies. Can I get an amen for justice, American style.

**Want to end North Korea's missile program?  
Send in Rambo with a single bow, some arrows, and the North Korean version of American Idol will be on in three months**

Korea's nuclear program?

Send in Rambo with a single bow, some arrows, and the North Korean version of American Idol will be on in three months (quoting a Pentagon study here). And it's not like America hasn't sent in private military operatives to solve our problems.

20,000 private military contractors are working in Iraq right now. And, who protects Afghan President Hamid Karzai from attacks, not the few and the proud, but BlackWater security firm. Also, the United States was just caught using mercenaries to fight Islamic militias in Somalia, so I know we have

Article 51 of the U.N. Charter gives nations the right to use private military operatives for self-preservation.

Think of the possibilities. Rambo could end the crisis in Darfur.

Even though that silly African Union (what a poser to the United Nations) has banned private military operatives, it hasn't stopped European nations from considering using security firms like BlackWater and DynCorp (even though this company has been found to have sex and drug rings in whatever country they operate, including selling videotaped rapes on the internet) to solve internal disputes

## Construction nightmare

I'm contemplating whether this school is a place of education, or an industrial work site. Since the beginning of this school year, construction is all I've seen. I'm going to admit that I'm a little sick of dodging bulldozers and bucket loaders on my way to class. And with the glorious view out my window, all I can see are mounds of dirt and deep trenches.

Sometimes I think that I'm not at school at all, but in some bunker fighting a battle. In my dorm room, all I hear is the sound of incessant beeping from construction equipment moving in reverse.

It also doesn't seem to matter what time of day it is, the construction workers will always have a use for their pneumatic grinder, which produces a sound equivalent to a thousand fingernails being scratched against a chalk board.

As I write this, my ears are currently being punished by the intrusive sound of that tool.

I think it would have been great if this all could have been taken care of before we arrived here. I understand that these changes will be for the better, and in time I will appreciate and enjoy them. But that's hard to see that right now; maybe because a simple thing, like holding a conversation, now involves shouting at the top of your lungs to overpower the noise of the construction.

I'm sure it will be just fantastic when it's finished, and I understand why all this is being done; to provide for a more "natural" or "green" atmosphere around campus. It just seems interesting that we are spending incredible amounts of money, to look "natural."

LUKE BICKNELL

# Meany is wrong on Darfur

As director of Students Take Action Now: Darfur, and one who cares deeply about stopping the government-perpetrated genocide in Darfur, I feel compelled to refute Jake Meany's article, "Let the Middle East deal with Darfur."

Reading it, I was struck by how ill-informed and blind to the actual situation he is. This article essentially said that the genocide in Darfur is not the West's problem; that it is an African problem best dealt with by neighboring Arab nations who, in reality, have no resources to effectively handle this issue.

To say that the best solution to stop this genocide is to abandon the Darfuri to the Arab League's limited capabilities is arrogant. They do not have the military capacity or resources to stop a government policy of extermination. This is an international problem, one that we, as wealthy, resource-rich Westerners have the responsibility to stop.

As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The Darfuri people themselves are a mix of tribal and nomadic Africans and Arabs. The issue of

Africans versus Arabs in this genocide is one constructed by the media and is not actually true to the situation; both Africans and Arabs live together in Darfur and have cohabited for years.

For Meany to say that it is essential that the Arab League soldiers move into Darfur to protect civilians, since the Arab-leaning janjaweed militia employed by

**For Meany to say that it is essential that the Arab League soldiers move into Darfur to protect civilians...is wholly uninformed**

the government would be less likely to kill them, is wholly uninformed. The janjaweed obviously does not make these religious distinctions as it is currently wiping out Africans and Arabs in Darfur.

It is clear that more troops are required in Darfur. The civilians do not currently have adequate protection, nor do the aid workers present in the country.

The African Union peacekeeping troops are the only troops present in Darfur, and there are only 8,000 men on the ground.

They desperately need the 20,000 troops that the UN has pledged to send.

China and Russia did abstain from voting on UN Resolution 1706 -- but they did not choose to veto, showing that they do not directly oppose the deployment of troops. However, Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir does. He refuses to allow the UN into his

country and thus requires specific international action to curtail his power.

It is necessary to impose economic sanctions upon Sudan and to divest interests from businesses that interact with the government. Doing this

would cut off Bashir's financial appendages, meaning that he could no longer fund the janjaweed militia.

Investment, peacekeeping forces, and peaceful agreements of cease-fire between all those party to the fighting will stop the massacring and displacement of innocent men, women, and children.

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# College Gourmet

## Carmeled Apples

Prep Time: 10 minutes

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2 tablespoons milk

6 wooden craft sticks

Grease or tinfoil cookie sheet. Remove stem from apples and insert craft stick. Microwave caramel and milk in bowl for two minutes and stir. Roll individual apples in caramel and place on cookie sheet until dry.

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## The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZIWICH





# cynical inquisition

## What is your favorite part of UVM?



*"The beauty and color of the campus"*  
-Evan Eckstein '10



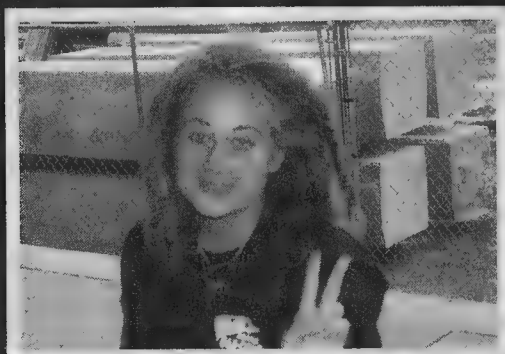
*"Just hanging out with my friends in the dorm playing guitar."*  
-Mike Adams '10



*"The availability of the professors to help and meet with you"*  
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Hennemuth engrossed in slaying enemies  
(Stephen R. Hausmann/Vermont Cynic)

## More than just a computer game, World of Warcraft has spawned not only a new society, but a generation of addicts

"Going on hour 65 I got up and crumpled to the floor. It's f---ed up, I know."

Zach Hydusik, self-proclaimed reformed World Of Warcraft addict, has played 78 days of WOW, as it's affectionately known to its players, since February - once for 65 straight hours.

On the evening of Nov. 24, 2004, fans of the Warcraft computer game series lined up outside video game stores across the country, waiting for the stroke of midnight.

It's a gamer's wet dream; a "Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. In an MMORPG, thousands of players exist in the same game world at the same time," according to the official WOW website.

UVM student Josh Miner has been playing the four-game Warcraft series long enough to be an expert on the subject.

"It's essentially an online community set in a world that's been ravaged by war for many years," said Miner, a 22-year-old computer science major.

The first step to entering WOW is designing an online persona. When creating an in-game character, a player must choose from one of two factions: the Alliance or the Horde - good versus evil, respectively.

The two sides are mutually exclusive, meaning a Horde-based character cannot join a "guild," a smaller group of players, comprised of Alliance members.

Quests, missions that players go on to gain items and gold, are broken down into four types: escort quests, where players escort people from point A to point B, fighting creatures along the way; mob quests, where players kill a certain number of enemies; collecting quests, where players must find one or several types of items; and finally, a combination of these, Miner said.

As a player gains experience by completing quests, known in the game as "leveling up," they learn more about the history and current events of the game world. More importantly, leveling a character makes him or her more powerful.

For "n00bs," - a derogatory term for inexperienced players - "there's instant gratification because you level quickly," Hydusik said.

"The initial attraction is the ease of getting into the game. It's easy to get into because the interface is user-friendly, and everything is linear and simplistic," Miner said.

One of the biggest attractions of WOW is the player's ability to completely absorb him or herself in the game world.

"People use it to escape from reality," Hydusik said, and therein lies the addictive





day simply for playing WOW.

By killing creatures and gaining gear, gold farmers accumulate currency and sell it for US dollars.

"Usually, 1,000 pieces of WOW gold can go for approximately \$150 to \$200," Miner said.

Not only do gamers spend real money to buy WOW gold, they can also purchase characters online.

I skipped Monday and Friday, that would give me a four-day weekend to play WOW."

World Of Warcraft addictions often lead to isolation and a lack of connection to the real world. "People lose their jobs and fail out of school with that sh-t," Hennemuth said.

"If you don't go out with friends, don't sleep, or don't do things for school,

***In China, people have gone so far as to make World of Warcraft a profession. Known as Chinese gold farmers, these men and women can make up to \$100 per day simply for playing WOW. By killing creatures and gaining gear, gold farmers accumulate currency and sell it for US dollars***

"A level 60 priest with epics could go for \$1,000 because they're hard to level," Hennemuth said.

The game itself isn't even finished growing yet. "One area to be implemented soon is the 'Blood Elf' territory," Miner said. The game world is continually expanding. Oceans, mountains and locked doors act as temporary boundaries as new areas are created.

With the game constantly growing, it's little surprise that the player population has exceeded seven million worldwide. WOW isn't just a phenomenon amongst students.

"The majority of upper level players are between 20- and 40-years-old and have families," Hennemuth said.

"There was one guy with 10 kids, who played WOW all the time. His wife got pissed, and said he had to stop playing and start being a father," Hennemuth said. "There are even husband-wife teams."

Thus the darker side of WOW is revealed as players begin to forsake real life for the game.

In his former days of WOW-playing, Hydusik was in danger of failing one of his courses due to skipping class.

"The way I reasoned it, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the only class I had was Chinese Philosophy," he said. "If

it's getting dangerous," Mandera said.

Sometimes, online fighting transcends the game's digital boundaries and permeates real life. Miner remembered a story about two friends whose relationship was threatened over an issue regarding ownership of an in-game item.

"People start taking things too seriously, and that's the darker side," Miner said.

"World of Warcraft is depressing. It sucks your life away. You'll never escape!" exclaimed Sarah Lubold, a UVM freshman whose perception of WOW has been influenced by similar stories.

But Miner opposes this perception. "It can be addicting, but like everything else, you need to take it in moderation, especially in a college atmosphere," he said. "It's a fun time-waster, but a time-waster nonetheless; you need to know when to put it down."

Miner would know. Having once played for 12 consecutive hours, he now says he'd never do it again. "I've wasted weekends playing," he said. "You don't get outside or get exercise."

But Miner has simply gotten better at managing his time. As he says, "There's always room for Jell-O, there's always room for WOW."

power of WOW.

"People get so immersed in it that real life isn't fun. They'd rather play WOW than do stuff in real life," Miner said. "Problems arise when people start taking things too seriously and get too deep in it."

WOW has become almost synonymous with addiction. It's spawned an

entire society unique unto itself where addicts and casual players alike can chat, quest and do battle with each other. Relationships are formed, weddings held, and funeral services performed.

"People can have a social life without having a social life," said Ben Mandera, an English major at UVM.

Although isolated at one computer, players don't feel completely anti-social because they're doing something with other people. "The social factor is the strongest part of the game," Mandera said.

For example, certain responsibilities are innate to being a guild member. If one is on a quest with a guild, leaving before the quest is completed could spell doom for the group at large. Some elite creatures can only be slain by a minimum of five players.

"If you just leave, then everyone else also has to stop playing. The risk of

MMORPGs is that because you're playing with other people, you're obligated to keep dates," Mandera said.

However, Drew Hennemuth, a UVM sophomore and another reformed WOW addict, thinks the social aspect is the worst part. "You're like, 'these people are lame—wait, I am too,'" he said.

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***-Reformed WOW addict  
Zach Hydusik***

The addictive properties of WOW stem from the amount of time that must be invested if a player wants to level his or her character. "You can't pick it up and put it down. You need time to put into it," Miner said.

Sometimes this means investing at least one or two hours of playtime. "I usually play for

two to three hours per day," Miner said.

WOW is never-ending. Although characters stop leveling once they reach level 60, there are still things to do, such as gain better equipment and earn gold, the basis of WOW's monetary system.

An entirely independent economic system has evolved in WOW. Players can bid on items in auctions similar to eBay, and will even pay real money to get more WOW gold.

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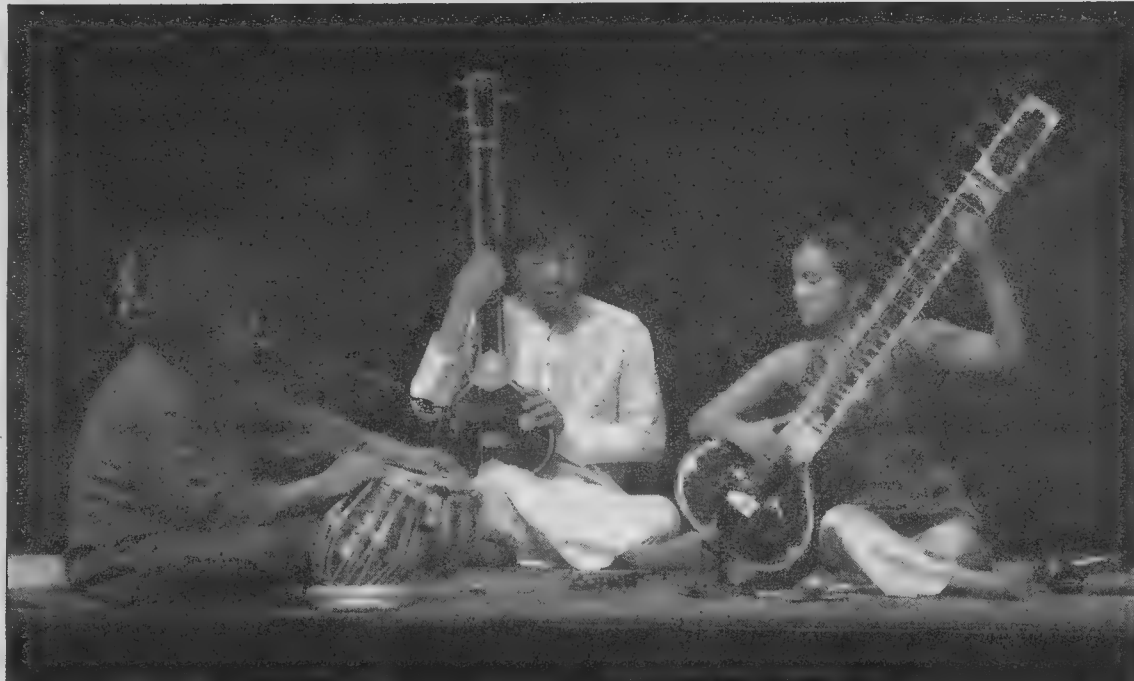


A World of Warcraft battle rages (Stephen R. Hausmann/Vermont Cynic)

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# Shankar meshes East with West at the Flynn



From left, Tanmoy Bose, Kenji Ota and Anoushka Shankar (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

## Sitar player fuses traditional Indian sitar music with contemporary instruments

By PUTNEY SWOPE

Anoushka Shankar is a good example of the phrase "the rules must be learned before they can be broken."

The first time the sitarist played Burlington was in 2002. She was 21 years old, 13 years into her musical training, and eight years into her career as a professional musician, which, from the start, had her perform-

ing sold-out concerts the world over.

At that time Shankar's concerts were presented in the time-honored format of North Indian classical music, called raga music. She has returned to Burlington four years later as a different musician.

Shankar has ventured to write her own music, founded in the Indian tradition but fused with a myriad of other types of music. Since "world" music is something that she has famously avoided playing for most of her career, Shankar's departure is of particular interest.

Though her sound may not be novel within the history of so-

called "fusion music," the transition is certainly a milestone in her own career.

*In the late 1950's her father, sitar master Ravi Shankar, collaborated with violinist Yehudi Menuhin (and later the Beatles) and introduced Indian music to the West*

This past Friday, Shankar performed for a robust audience at the Flynn Center. Staying

rather close to tradition, she began with "Voice of the Moon," a piece that started out delicately but eventually progressed to high melodic and rhythmic velocities.

The concert was composed mostly of songs from Shankar's 2005 release, "Rise," and featured musicians that appeared on the album.

Although the instruments ranged from the traditional—the tanpura, tabla and bansuri—to the contemporary, the band worked to effectively enhance the Indian musical forms, with the exception of pianist/computer programmer Nick Able, who, when not playing his grand piano (quite tastefully) contributed only contrived effects and trite programmed beats to the otherwise ethereal music.

Anoushka's shift from classical Indian music to fusion music might not be much of a surprise when her heredity is taken into consideration. In the late 1950s her father, sitar master Ravi Shankar, collaborated with violinist Yehudi Menuhin (and later the Beatles) and introduced Indian music to the West.

Coming from a tradition thousands of years old, Ravi Shankar was no doubt blazing trails by integrating Western and Indian classical music theories. A decade later Ravi's nephew (Anoushka's first cousin) Ananda Shankar followed the trails blazed by his uncle with his distinct strain of Indian-infused jazz and funk.

More recently Norah Jones, who is Ravi's supposedly illegitimate daughter (he did play Woodstock) and half sister to Anoushka, has experienced her own share of musical success.

It is certainly a daunting family tree to live up to for Anoushka Shankar, but it is a sketch of her musical pedigree.

read from, the 73-year-old poet kept the audience engaged, and at parts, in stitches—supplying body language and suggestive tones to compensate for his frequently incomprehensible Russian accent.

"Translation is like woman, if [it] is beautiful [it] is not tasteful, if tasteful, not beautiful" was as much of an apology for the futility of his efforts to convey his poetry in English, as it was a precursor to his "women are like vodka" joke.

Donning a bright blue collared shirt with huge vibrant flowers printed on the side, Yevtushenko maintained a familiar tone with his audience. Crooning, snarling and sobbing, he conveyed the message of his words even when he recited them in Russian, and carried himself like a man of half his years.

Yevtushenko's forlorn portraits of dictatorial Soviet Russia served as a reminder to the gathered listeners of the suppression of poetry and other free thought under Stalin's rule. The privilege and honest joy Yevtushenko feels when he shares his poetry is proof that he subscribes the adage that artistic thought can only exist where there is freedom.

"I would like to be born in every country, have a passport for them all to throw all foreign offices into panic, be every fish in every ocean and every dog in the streets of the world," his poem "I Would Like" begins.

When he wrote the poem, in 1972, the Cold War was in full swing, and expressing a desire to plunge into Lake Baikal and resurface in the Mississippi as the poem reads, could have easily been considered treason, but this poem is characteristic of the passion with which Yevtushenko writes. He is listed among Russia's most prominent contemporary poets.

After speaking of the clever way Robeson exposed some of Stalin's atrocities, such as the murder of a popular poet, Yevtushenko played a sound bite of Robeson singing a traditional Russian song and swooned to the deep bass of Robeson's voice, carrying a tune along with the singer.

Yevtushenko's romantic poetry at one point carried him directly into the audience as he reached out with a longing gesture to one female audience member, reciting as if she were the only person in the room.

Evidently to Yevtushenko, poetry is something to be experienced, and not simply heard.

## Oral tradition, but not aurally

### Deaf authors share their work without words at Open Mic Night

By SARAH POSILLICO  
Cynic Correspondent

There is no microphone at this open mic event—that's because the performers are using sign language.

For the first time in my experience, someone needs to translate for "the hearing," instead of for the deaf.

"I wanted people at UVM to have exposure to deafness and deaf values," signed Keri Ogrizovich, American Sign Language (ASL) program coordinator, to an interpreter.

It usually goes without saying that open mic nights require the microphone. But Thursday night at the Living/Learning Lounge, ASL held its Open Mic Night to acknowledge that October is Deaf and Disability Awareness Month.

The event also served as a way for ASL students to have exposure to using sign language. They're required to come, she said.

ASL students shared poems, jokes and stories. Even if sign language isn't your first language, the facial expressions, body movements and mouthed words of the performers helped convey the messages and events of the narratives.



Rene, an ASL "speaker" (Nellie Sweet/Vermont Cynic)

The interpreter's voice inflected the storyteller's, and became a part of the overall tone. She incorporated nuances of speech that the hearing enabled may take for granted, such as the voice's higher pitch at the end of a question.

*ASL Open Mic participants proved that you don't need words to understand what people are saying*

Instead of clapping, the audience was told to spread out their fingers and shake their hands. "Hearing people can hear the clapping, but it doesn't mean a lot to a deaf audience," Ogrizovich signed.

While entertainment and education were on the agenda Thursday night, the Open Mic also revealed UVM's stance on deaf students, pointing to possible neglect of the hearing impaired.

"UVM doesn't recognize American Sign Language as a language, so students have to take it as an elective," Ogrizovich said. "It's important for students to be able to take it as a foreign language requirement. It is common at other schools, so why not at UVM?"

"I hope this will encourage the University community to add ASL as a language," she said.

The audience's laughter and open reception of the ASL open mic participants proved that you don't need words to understand what people are saying.

## From Russia, with poetry

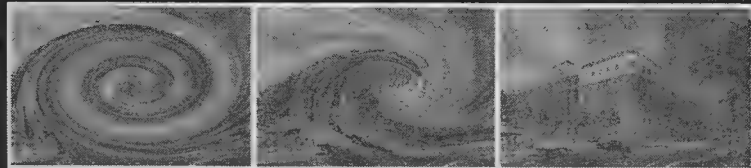
### "Russia's most famous poet" visits UVM

By THOMAS MORSE  
Cynic Correspondent

The celebrated Russian poet, Yevgeny Yevtushenko visited the Carpenter Auditorium at UVM on Wednesday evening for a reading of his socially and politically conscious poetry.

Amidst the many works he

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DJ Revolution on the ones and twos (Courtesy of DJ Revolution)

# DJ Revolution: Why scratching should reunite the elements of hip-hop

## STAFF REPORT

Recently, Burlington has experienced a surge of authentic hip-hop acts: Slick Rick graced the town with his presence earlier this year, Afrika Bambaataa comes to town this week, and DJ Revolution comes to Plan B to scratch on Halloween evening.

*The Cynic* picked his brain for a while and found that Rev,

aside from working his ones and twos, is a Miguel De Cervantes fan (among many other and more exciting things.)

**VC:** The "Wake Up Show" is syndicated worldwide, making you one of the most listened-to DJs in the world. What do you try to represent on such a large forum?

**DJR:** To play music for the world is great, man. I expose music to people, playing sh-t that doesn't get represented in the mainstream as far as the media of television and press and radio and even now, satellite and the Internet.

**VC:** What is that message?

**DJR:** Everywhere I go, I send messages by playing certain records and doing certain things with them. Basically, we speak by example. We let people know, "this is how it should be done." We don't have to say it...they already know by listening to the quality of music we play, by having quality guests on [the show] that represent real hip-hop. Everything I do represents this culture.

**VC:** Who are your favorite emcees and DJs to work with?

**DJR:** I would say those experiences haven't happened yet, you know? Every time I work with someone new I have great experiences. Being Rakim's DJ for six months. That was cool. Meeting my idols and getting to work with them...[DJ] Jazzy Jeff has become a really good friend of mine. It's real cool to be able to spit with him and talk with him on a regular basis.

**VC:** When peoples' images blow up, they often get called "sellouts." But staying underground can undermine the point of music: to be heard. Agree or disagree?

**DJR:** I never want anybody to stay underground. That's the worst curse in the world. What would the hip-hop world be like

**"Just because you're selling two million records doesn't mean you suck or that you're overexposed"**

if Rakim stayed underground? These people push the new talent to be better.

Just because you're selling two million records doesn't mean you suck or that you're overexposed. Your main objective as an artist, despite what any artist tells you, is to get your sh-t seen or heard by as many people as possible because you seek that validation from the people—sometimes.

If you're not doing it to get your music to as many people as possible and you're just doing it to get some music out to your boys down the street, than that's

cool. You can do that. But don't complain about the state of the music industry because you're not a part of it, you know?

**VC:** You have been credited with jumpstarting young careers. Are there any artists you see as having mad potential?

**DJR:** Yeah, I'm working with these kids, Stylistic Jones and KB. One is from L.A. and one is from Queens, but I put them together for this album that I produced for them. It's a concept album. We kind of decided to make them a group just for this one project and they sound incredible.

**VC:** What do you see for the future of hip-hop and turntablism?

**DJR:** It's an understated, underrated art form that people in the mainstream aren't paying enough attention to because we, as DJs, are the foundation for this whole thing: for hip-hop, for exposing

**"I never want anybody to stay underground. That's the worst curse in the world."**

new music, for generating producers...and I think that, for me, it's still my goal as it was five years ago when I put out my last album, which was dedicated to my art form, to reintegrate DJing into hip-hop, because it became splintered.

The future depends on the DJs themselves. Do they want to be a part of hip-hop or do they just want to be scratch DJs and stay in their bedrooms and make mix tapes? If we integrated DJing back into hip-hop we would have a lot of power: We would actually have the power to change what gets played, what gets heard.

**VC:** Any plans for a solo LP?

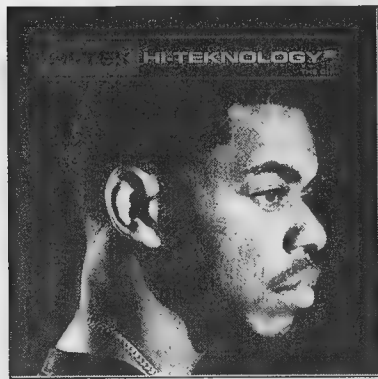
**DJR:** Yeah, I'll have a new one out next year for sure. It will never be just scratching. Hip-hop and its elements, we're all supposed to be together, you know what I'm saying? You can't really have an emcee without the DJ and you can't really have the DJ without the emcee anymore. They should go hand in hand, so I'm going to represent that on my next album, for sure.

**VC:** You're performing on Halloween here in Burlington. What's your costume going to be?

**DJR:** (Laughs) I don't think I can travel in my costume. Actually, I'm going to a Halloween party tonight as Pancho Villa. And I can't really roll through the airport with a big sombrero and a poncho on and a big rifle on my shoulder.

*DJ Revolution comes to Plan B in downtown Burlington on Oct. 31.*

## Critical thinking: musical musings



**Hi-Teknology 2: The Chip** (Babygrande)  
Hi-Tek

Finally, Hi-Tek takes time out of producing everyone else's beats—no offense to G-Unit or Talib Kweli—and gives us a second taste of his own flair.

The underground DJ has charged into new grounds with his sequel album: "Hi-Teknology 2: The Chip." No wonder all of the hip-hop aristocrats accompanied Hi-Tek on this production. 15 tracks of smooth, unique beats that completely outdo the Cincinnati artist's first album, "Hi-Teknology," boosts Hi-Tek up on the DJ list.

Talib Kweli rejoins Tek on a handful of tracks, and though it is difficult to outshine the sound the duo released on "Eternal Reflection" in 2000, Tek's new beats bring more variety to the table.

On the single "Where It Started At," not only Kweli steps in, but Dion, Jadakiss, and Raekwon fabricate a fierce New York anthem that ensures a hit album.

And who doesn't love a glimpse of fatherly love? The DJ's son's catchy riff in "Think I Got a Beat" suggests a promising future for Tek Junior.

A few of the tracks failed to catch my ear though: "March," with Busta Rhymes' overpowering spittle, offers little appeal.

But the album's finale, "Music for Life," redeems any doubts with the perfect combo of stunning samples and the familiar voices of Nas and Common, among others.

Overall, Tek's new album is a complete inspiration for underground artists—the voluntary involvement of distinguished MC's reminds us that talent overrides fame.

—LILY BOTTINO



**Born in the U.K.** (Astralwerks/Emd)  
Badly Drawn Boy

Unlike Bruce Springsteen, Badly Drawn Boy (a.k.a. Damon Gough) was born in the U.K. And he will not let the listener forget it.

Badly Drawn Boy's fifth release, "Born in the U.K.," pays homage to his homeland.

The album opens with "Swimming Pool," a dialogue between Badly Drawn Boy and himself, his pessimism versus optimism as he confesses, "I don't think I know who I am anymore...If the world was a better place/Some of these bad things wouldn't happen." To which he replies, "There's good things all around/You just have to look longer and harder/To see them sometimes."

This dialogue sets the mood for the rest of the album as Badly Drawn Boy makes more personal and nostalgic connections to the U.K. in his songs.

"Born in the U.K." lacks any stand-out tracks, mostly due to Gough's songs being too sticky with the sappiness of his lyrics: "I'll take you where you wanna go/Tell me where I wanna know/I will just go with the flow/As long as I'm there with you."

Unlike Badly Drawn Boy's previous releases, especially "The Hour of the Bewilderbeast," he sticks to the fundamentals and includes little room for experimentation or a direct connection with his listeners.

His projection to a large audience hinders not only the experience of listening to "Born in the U.K.," but Badly Drawn Boy's entire attempt at a successful fifth album.

For now I'll stick to "Thunder Road" in the good old U.S.A.

—MEREDITH RIVLIN



**Press Play** (Bad Boy)  
Diddy

When Pharrell or Timbaland makes a beat they sell it according to how hot it is. The good ones, if not kept for the producer's own solo projects, can sell for tens of thousands of dollars.

For "Press Play," Sean Combs' newest release (and his first one as "Diddy"), Combs bought the best beats that money could buy—and he has a lot of money. By this logic the production quality of "Press Play" should be as dope as an Afghani poppy field, and it is. But while Diddy is throwing down \$50,000 a track, no one is going to pay him diddly for his lyricism.

On "Press Play" Diddy's vocal deliveries come off over-rehearsed and change drastically from song to song depending on the producer.

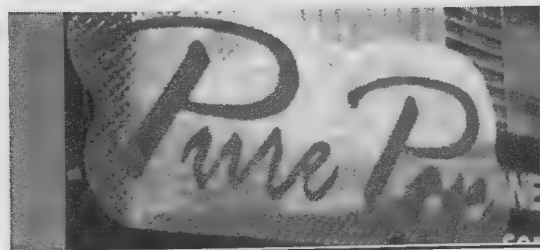
This is particularly true of "The Future," in which Diddy does a semi-passable imitation of Pharoah Monche (who happens to have also written the song).

Diddy's vocal styling aside, the production on "Press Play" is downright banging. By enlisting the services of Kanye, Timbaland, The Neptunes, Just Blaze, Mario Winans, and Havoc (among others) Diddy has attempted to cater to as big an audience as possible and imbues the album with a musical variety enriched by collaborations featuring Mary J. Blige, Nas, Cee-Lo, and Twista.

Diddy has effectively used the tried and true formula of hiring a bunch of platinum-selling song crafters to compile a collection of the most expensive beats of the year.

"Press Play" sounds like "Now That's What I Call Music" Volume Diddy.

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# For local artist, Burlington is a muse

**Marc Awodey paints his environment without concern for the norm**

By CASEY PALMER  
Cynic Correspondent

Picture a cluttered art studio in the den of a home just off of Colchester Avenue. The studio is complete with colorful finished paintings, works in progress, and empty canvases.

It smells homey, as if someone baked cookies the day before and the smell still lingers. Marc Awodey sits on the couch, one foot resting on the knee of the other leg, hands crossed. Two 2-liter bottles of Diet Coke stand side by side on the floor beside the couch, both opened and missing some amount of liquid.

Awodey reaches down, without looking, and grabs one bottle. He takes a gulp, and puts the bottle back down. He clears his throat.

"None of us are so brilliant that our initial idea is always the best," Awodey said.

Moments later, Awodey reaches down and grabs the other bottle of Diet Coke and takes a gulp. Awodey was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan in



Marc Awodey brushes paint against a canvas at his studio and home (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

November of 1960, and he refers to his relationship with art as an "organic" thing; he grew up surrounded by it, and it grew within him as well.

Awodey has been employed

at two local colleges: Burlington College and the Community College of Vermont. He teaches acrylic painting at CCV, and painting for advanced students at Burlington College.

Besides teaching, Awodey's life in Burlington has a lot to offer to him artistically. Many of his paintings are focused on scenes from the bustle of life in Burlington. "The city itself can be seen as a point of departure for artwork," said Awodey. "It's a small town; diverse and peaceful."

By 1984, Awodey had established, for the most part, his own artistic stylings. He calls himself a "straight

painter," using mostly acrylics for the first layer of painting, and then oils for a second layer achieving that added vibrant, translucent color. His style is usually based on geometric abstraction.

When asked about artistic statement, Awodey will always reply, "My statement is the work."

I did things because I wanted to do it, not because I thought I had to do what people were supposed to be doing," Awodey said of his distinctive style.

Most of his paintings contain people in the places they live, work, and play. The majority of the people in his work don't have distinguishable facial features, as if he's trying to depict the entire human race.

"Children Playing War" depicts two children fighting with swords. Their faces are blank.

"I paint my environment; I paint the world around me," Awodey said. "There's this quote that I particularly like. I don't remember where I heard it; I actually might have made it up myself. It goes, 'The anatomy of the picture is more important than the anatomy of the subject.'"

Awodey also paints landscapes, architecture and still lifes. He considers his work highly original and unique with occasional references to the work of artists from the proto-Renaissance era and Early Expressionists from the 20th cen-

tury. "I think the paintings themselves inspire me," said Awodey. After some nagging, he admitted to having other outside influences in the two abstractionists, DeBroke and Kadinsky.

Looking for a more steady income, Awodey began working as an art critic for an online art publication in 1997. After composing a couple pieces for Art New England, he signed on as a permanent art critic for Vermont's own Seven Days. He has been writing for it ever since.

On his job as an art critic, Awodey said "I like it quite a bit. It sort of limits my ability to show my work around Vermont, it's a conflict of interest. But I have to make money somehow."

Awodey had a younger brother, Scot, who was an avid bicyclist and led mountain biking tours across the terrain of the Southwest. One day in 1992, Scot was leading a tour of the Grand Canyon when his bike went off course and he fell into the canyon. Scot's death greatly affected Awodey.

While dealing with his brother's death, Awodey found himself becoming less and less productive as an artist and poet. "I felt empty, I was totally reclusive," said Awodey. As a result of his depression, Awodey was hospitalized several times between 1995 and 1997. During his hospitalization he experienced numerous shock treatments and went in and out of suicidal phases.

By the end of 1997 Awodey was prepared to come out of isolation and back into the outside world. He helped to found the Rhombus Gallery in downtown Burlington as an independent, nonprofit community arts center.

"An artist should promote others as well as themselves," said Awodey. "If you support 10 artists, 10 artists will support you." The gallery closed in 2003.

In 2002, Awodey released his second volume of poetry, "New York: A Haibun Journey," a volume of poetry that chronicled one of Awodey's trips to New York City in where he "felt alienated by the whole culture" and "spent nearly the whole weekend drinking and smoking."

Regardless of his unconventional style of poetry and his troubling topics, his poetry has become nationally acclaimed. Among other awards and honors,

Awodey became the champion of the National Poetry Slam with Haikus.

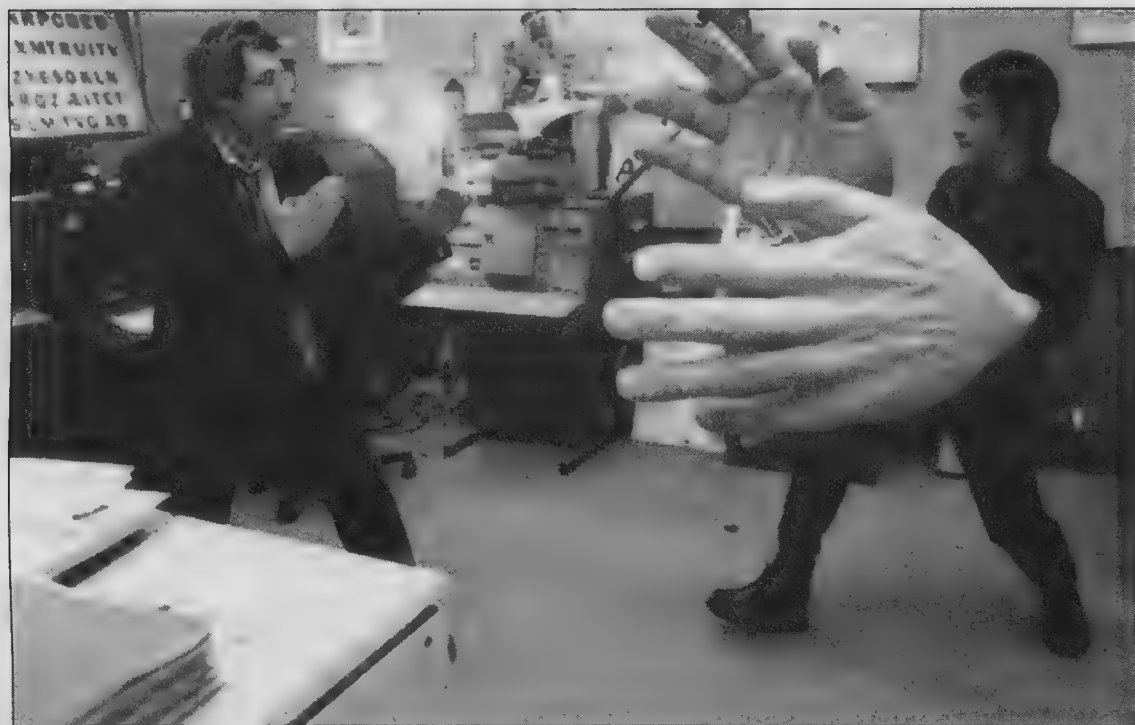
Want to know a secret about Awodey? He'll tell you himself.

"I personally think my poetry is better than my art."

Awodey's paintings can be seen now through the end of November at Burlington College. While you're there, say hello. He'll be the one with his just-long-enough hair pulled back into a semi-ponytail and, potentially, simultaneously drinking two opened bottles of Diet Coke.

For more information on Marc Awodey's work, visit [www.marcawodey.com](http://www.marcawodey.com)

## Film review: Science of Sleep



Alain Chabat (left) and Gael Garcia Bernal in a surreal battle (Courtesy of Warner Independent Pictures)

By EMILY PICCONE

"Science of Sleep" reveals an imaginative world through the eyes of a mixed up and self-hating but lovable main character named Stéphane, played by Gael Garcia Bernal ("Motorcycle Diaries," "Y Tu Mama Tambien"). Bernal gives an outstanding performance in a role that could be played by few.

Stéphane is a mixed up boy, entranced by his dreams and uncertain of the line between his imagination and reality. The movie starts with Stéphane moving to Paris after being enticed by an "artistic job offer" by his mother. After one day of work he realizes that there is no art involved. Rather, he sits in a basement gluing paper.

Stéphane turns to his imagination, mainly while sleeping, to keep him entertained. He attends work less and less for the duration of film, spending more and more time in his fantasy world.

Stéphane (Charlotte Gainsbourg), Stéphane's neighbor and eventual love interest, helps him create his "other world." Stéphane is a beautiful artist with an imagination just as creative and inventive as the protagonist's.

With the help of amazing cinematography, the film is endlessly pleasing to the eye. Not

**Not only are the characters' costumes stunning, but the set is like something out of a dream (coincidence?)**

only are the characters' costumes stunning, but the set is like something out of a dream (coincidence?).

"Science of Sleep" may be targeting the indie crowd, and those who enjoyed "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" will likely enjoy it.

Michel Gondry, the director of both "Science of Sleep" and "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" has talent in piecing movies together. He has worked previously on music videos for Bjork, The White Stripes and Beck, and his full-length movies bear a resemblance to that style.

Gondry, often criticized for his cinematography being too abstract for an effective full-length film, proves he can go beyond the realm of music videos.

"Science of Sleep" is a crazy mess at times, but effectively resembles a long dream—bizarre and uncanny—leaving the viewer confused at times. The sensation is like waking up from an extraordinary dream: perplexed but itching for more.

"Science of Sleep" exercises talent from all involved. Few movies that come out are this witty and fun, while also leaving the viewer touched.



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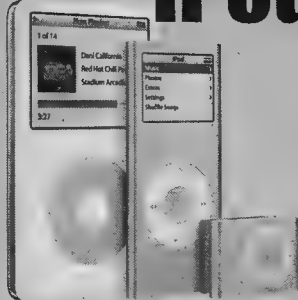
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# Not News

By Elias Altman



## Student suffers breakdown after dorm-decorating crisis

Susan Kitchens confirmed the circulating rumors that on Saturday Oct. 21, she had indeed experienced a "nervous episode."

Kitchens, a freshman Marsh Hall resident, attributed the episode to "a severe aesthetic problem" in her room.

She cited spatial limitations, lack of coherent relationship between posters and irreconcilable differences with her roommate, Rachel Palsey, with regard to the understanding of feng shui.

Kitchens insisted that she had

a "better eye" than Palsey since Kitchens says she's "from Boston" and it's a very cosmopolitan city.

Kitchens, who hails from Sudbury, Mass., said that she had been trying to organize her room since she got to school, but that she kept on running into problems.

**"I don't even know who this Che Guevara guy is, but he can't be above my DMB poster. It clashes."**

- Susan Kitchens  
freshman student

"First off, we couldn't raise the beds into bunk beds — they were just too heavy. What do they expect? It's not like everyone who goes to UVM plays football," said Kitchens. "After that," she continued, "it was all downhill."

Other initial problems that Kitchens mentioned were lack of significant afternoon sun, walls that were too hard to put tacks

into and a sizable hookah stain in the left corner of the room.

As the semester progressed, problems arose between Kitchens and Palsey. "Rachel is nice enough," Kitchens confessed, but added that "she has no poster-hanging skills."

Kitchens went on to clarify, "We can't hang her John Belushi 'College' poster right next to my 'Starry Night' and I don't even know who this Che Guevara guy is, but he can't be above my DMB poster. It clashes." Rachel Palsey could not be reached for comment.

Kitchens did not go to the hospital after the episode, but complained of aching eyes, disorientation and an acute revulsion to her roommate's perfume, Seduction by J. Lo. Kitchens does not plan on attending classes for the next two days in order to recover fully.

**Not News For Next Week:  
Linguists go on hunger strike; citing widespread acronym misuse: ATM Machine, PIN Number**

# Genderosity ♀♂

By ASHLEY GALLO

What can I say about violence against women that hasn't been said before?

I could tell you how mad I am that I have been to classes this week where not a single person in the room has acknowledged that someone is gone; that Michelle is gone.

I could tell you that I can't stop thinking about how terrified Michelle must have been in those last moments. How terrified all those women must have been in those last moments. How terrified so many women are right now, have been, and will be.

I could tell you how violence against women insults all of us. That homicide of women at the hands of men robs us of the beautiful gifts those women would have put into the world.

Violence against women is a crisis, a worldwide epidemic that negatively compromises every aspect of life, from women's health to the dynamics of public and private spaces to our economy and culture.

I would like to stop hearing men whistle at women from cars; hearing ambulance sirens racing up my street, leaving me wondering if they are looking for a woman that has just been assaulted.

When I see 5 and six-year-old girls with their mothers in checkout lines at grocery stores I wonder if, when they turn my age, they will be sitting around healing fires, in chapels sobbing, in apartments scared and sleepless — like us. I could tell you how I wonder if they have already been victims of something even worse.

I could propose, one more time, how we have the absolute

right and power to say this is our community and we will not tolerate violence of any kind. I wish that all the women who have been raped, sexually assaulted, harassed and violated could find the space where their voices will be validated and held as the highest truth against injustice.

I could talk about the incredible selfishness in American culture, seen when we return to our own lives, our own normalcy and agendas after such atrocities as Michelle's death.

The reality is that our continued self involvement, separation from our community and obsession with the quantity of work we complete normalizes violence and crimes against women.

I could tell you that too many people at UVM are afraid to recognize violence or stop what they are doing to really confront this tragedy. They are afraid that there is no community that will catch them when they allow themselves to react at the most human level to the violence against one of our own, against Michelle.

I could tell you how I think people have stopped seeing each other as real human beings, and have also stopped seeing themselves as human beings.

If we understood each other as humans we would have paused the activities of our daily lives to give our real attention to each other.

We would see the possibility of the unyielding power that could result from coming together as a community to stop, once and for all, this bullsh-t violence against women. But you have heard all of that before.

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## ECO-MIND Global warming: what's your response?

By COREY PARADIS

The issue of global warming is no longer off in the distance. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the climate of Vermont could be like that of Virginia by 2100.

A study performed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals that the Northeast's average annual temperature has increased by 1.8 degrees fahrenheit since 1899.

Winter temperatures are warming the most: from 1970 to 2000, winter temperatures have increased by an astounding 4.4 degrees fahrenheit.

As global temperatures rise, so does Vermont's global warming pollution. Vermont now produces 23 percent more global warming pollution than it did in 1990.

Snowfall has decreased 15 percent since the 1950s. Winter in Vermont has shortened by two weeks. Rainfall is expected to increase 30 percent in the winter months.

Colorful maples will turn dull and threaten Vermont's identity. The maple sugar industry is already moving north to Canada.

The major hurdle to beginning this process is the lack of political will in the United States

to take appropriate action to halt climate change.

With coordinated pressure from student and citizen organizations, global warming is being elevated to become a key issue for voters. Specifically, Project Hot Seat is targeting Vermont's House race between republican candidate Martha Rainville and democratic candidate Peter Welch.

To achieve large emission reductions, the following national policies must be passed: an 80 percent reduction in global warming pollution by 2050; a national renewable energy standard of 20 percent by 2020; and an increase in mileage standards to 40 miles per gallon for all vehicles.

Write letters to candidates Rainville and Welch, call them at their offices, and even show up at their public events with banners declaring "Stop Global Warming!"

So I ask you, then, will you sit and wait? Or will you be a leader in taking action against the greatest threat of our time?

To volunteer for the Project Hot Seat campaign, please email Corey Paradis, Greenpeace Student Coordinator, at [cparadis@uvm.edu](mailto:cparadis@uvm.edu).



## MLB, cont. from back page

.331 with 49 HR with 137 RBI. In order to have a chance in the series St. Louis needs his bat to come alive.

Catcher Yadier Molina's heroic game seven homerun lifted St. Louis to the World Series. He is batting .348 with two homeruns this postseason.

David Eckstein is an electric leadoff hitter and is one of the best shortstops in the field. He batted .292 in the regular season and is the spark plug for the Cardinals offense.

**Advantage:** Detroit's balanced infield makes it tough for any team to compare.

## Outfield

Left fielder Craig Monroe is the most dangerous of the Tiger hitters, posting a team-leading 28 homeruns in the regular season while adding three homers in the postseason.

In center Curtis Granderson has been the catalyst for the Tigers all year long and has broke out in the playoffs, batting .313 with three HR and seven RBI.

Magglio Ordonez's walk off 3-run homerun sent Detroit to the World Series. He led the team with 104 RBI's during the regular season, adding 8 thus far in the postseason.

Jim Edmonds is a human highlight reel in center field, and has two homers and six runs batted in this postseason.

Juan Encarnacion has struggled in the postseason. However he does have World Series experience with Florida in 2003, and during the season hit .278 with 19 HR and 79 RBI.

**Advantage:** Detroit's overall talent gives them the edge.

## Pitching

Detroit's pitching has been dominant in the postseason. The starting rotation of Kenny Rogers (2-0, 0.00 ERA), Justin Verlander (1-0, 5.91), Jeremy Bonderman (1-0, 3.00) and Nate Robertson, have steered Detroit into the World Series.

St. Louis can rely on Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter (2-1, 3.70), but after that there is no guarantee. Streaky Jeff Weaver has been impressive so far, but is known for his playoff meltdowns. Jeff Suppan pitched brilliantly in the NLCS to capture MVP honors.

The Tigers' bullpen has been lights out thus far. Flamethrower Joel Zumaya will return from injury and Fernando Rodney, Jamie Walker, and Jason Grilli have held the middle innings down. Veteran closer Todd Jones has three saves with a 0.00 ERA.

The Cardinals are thin in the bullpen, relying heavily on Tyler Johnson, and Randy Flores. Rookie Anthony Wainwright has been impressive with three saves and closed out the Mets with the bases loaded.

**Advantage:** Detroit's experience is a big plus

**Prediction:** Detroit in 6 games.

"If they can make penicillin out of mouldy bread, they can sure make something out of you."

-Muhammad Ali

## Q &amp; A with Cats goalkeeper Joe Fallon

By JOSH APPELBAUM and  
DAKOTA RUBIN

After a stellar sophomore season during which he posted a 2.02 goals against average and six shutouts, junior goalkeeper Joe Fallon started off this season by blanking #14 Colgate for his record 12th career shutout. Fallon finished off the Ice Breaker Tournament by allowing only one goal to #8 Miami (Ohio).

Last week *The Cynic* got a chance to sit down and life and hockey with Joe.

**Growing up what made you decide to become a hockey goalie?**

I was watching the Minnesota North Stars and they just won the Stanley Cup. My mom's side also is big hockey fans and my brothers played and they were already forwards and they need someone to shoot on. I was the younger brother so I was the goalie.

**What are the biggest differences between high school hockey and college hockey?**

Just that the intensity level of every game and the way you prepare for each game is pretty big.

**What is your greatest hockey memory?**

Back when we won the state championship in Minnesota, that was pretty big. To be able to win with the people that I grew up with was pretty good. Here at Vermont the best memory so far I'd say was beating Dartmouth here at home in my freshman year. It was a tough battle, toughest hockey I have ever really seen played. It was a good game.

**What was your greatest career game?**

The next one.

**Which goaltenders do you model your game after?**

I used to model it after Patrick Roy and right now I like Cam

Ward and I like Henrik Lundquist of the Rangers. I like their style of play. They play deep in the net. Some people say I stand up a little bit more but I just try to be in good position.

**What are your pregame rituals?**

Day of the game I usually take a shower before coming to the rink and just warm up and then have red Powerade, it has to be red.

**What is your ultimate hockey dream?**

This year... win it all I guess. Trying to do well in Hockey East this year and do well at the tournament in Boston.

**What similarities do you share with you namesake, Jimmy Fallon?**

We don't take a lot of things to seriously. Sometimes playing can get tough and you have to rub it off and get ready for the next game.

**If you could replace president Fogel what would be your first act as president of UVM?**

That's a tough one. He's so good. I would probably get rid of the construction because it keeps me up sometimes.

**What are your thoughts on the new dry campus policy?**

I don't agree with it, myself. But it's not that of a big deal I guess.

**If you could choose, which musical artists would you like to see perform at this year's Springfest?**

Umm...that's a tough one...Jessica Simpson.

**What is your favorite hockey movie? Why?**

Slapshot. Just I feel it portrays the scene of the locker room pretty good and the guys pretty good. Some of the characters you meet in hockey are quite different than other sports.

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# Women's Swimming starts season with 'W'

## Cats break records on way to victory in first meet of the year

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Cynic Correspondent

In the opening meet of the season, the University of Vermont women's swimming and diving team defeated Siena 126-94 on Oct. 14.

The Catamounts ended each race strong throughout the meet, breaking three freshman records as well as taking top three spots in the 1,000 freestyle, and the 100 butterfly.

The freshman records in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle were broken by freshmen Molly MacMillan and Colleen Clark with times of 1:57.03 and 53.60, respectively. Clark's time set a Siena pool record.

"We've been training really hard for this season," Clark said. "If we train harder and keep breaking records then we're doing something right."

The 200 yard freestyle relay freshman record was also broken by Shiloh Page, Colleen Withers, Clark and MacMillan with a time of 1:43.00.

In the 1,000 freestyle, sophomore Lauren Honrath finished first, followed by

Withers and junior Lindsay Richardson. In the 100 fly, sophomore Eryka Karz took first place with junior Nicole Underhill and freshman Leigh Galligan finishing second and third, respectively.

"Personally I'm where I was at the beginning of last season," Underhill said. "I'm swimming the breaststroke, which I haven't done since high school but in terms of the fly, I'm working to re-break my records from the end of last season."

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Vermont 171

Niagra 120

With the win, the Catamounts improve to 2-0 on the season and will look to stay undefeated when they travel to Binghamton on Saturday

Underhill holds the varsity and freshman record in the 200 fly, a varsity record in the 200 individual medley and the freshman and varsity records in the 400 individual medley.

For practices, the girls are broken up into two sessions, allowing them flexibility to work

with their academic schedule, said head coach Gerry Cournoyer.

Despite this separation, the additional early morning whole-team practices give the girls the opportunity to build leadership and team unity by working with both younger and older athletes. The girls train to perform as an entire team at all the meets, especially those that count in the conference, Cournoyer said.

"When we're swimming we score for the team," Clark said. "We work for everyone else, not just on the individual level even if most of the time we are swimming by ourselves."

The diving team also performed well against Siena as sophomore Katie Nikitas won the one and three meter dives, and will continue to develop into the team's top diver, Cournoyer said.

As for the meet against Niagra on Sunday, he added that the team will not underestimate their opposition and will step up to the challenge they are presented.

"We're really focused the task at hand," Cournoyer said. "We look for girls who will continue to develop as every season progresses and that's exactly what we've seen so far."

~NFL~

## Week eight predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

### The Games of the Week

**Jacksonville at Philadelphia** – The game of the week pits two of the best defenses in the league against one another. The Eagles will be able to score just enough to get by a very tough Jaguar team. Final 20-13 Philadelphia.

**Indianapolis at Denver** – The Colts have been able to get by thus far this season by relying on the stellar play of QB Peyton Manning. Against the stout Broncos defense Indy will have a hard time moving the ball and will leave the Mile-High City with a loss. Final 20-16 Denver.

### The Best of the Rest

**San Francisco at Chicago** – The Bears will be well rested coming off a bye week and will look to put on a good show in front of the home crowd. The 49ers are playing well but don't have the talent to stay with Chicago. Final 32-10 Chicago.

**Atlanta at Cincinnati** – The Bengals have been up and down all season and against the Falcons they will have to rely on QB Carson Palmer to lead them. Atlanta QB Michael Vick will use his fleet feet and incredible competitive spirit to lead Atlanta to victory. Final 27-24 Atlanta.

**Seattle at Kansas City** – The Seahawks will need to play solid on defense in order to contain the Chiefs and their potent offense. Without RB Shaun Alexander a lot of pressure falls on the shoulders of QB Matt Hasselback who will lead the offense and Seattle to victory. Final 27-17 Seattle.

**Tampa Bay at NY Giants** – The Giants will take advantage of a game against the shaky Bucs in order to keep pace in the incredibly tough NFC East. Look for QB Eli Manning to have a big day. Final 32-17 New York.

**St. Louis at San Diego** – This is a matchup of teams that have significantly overachieved this season. The Rams have been playing very well and making the best of their limited talent. But they will be playing one of the best teams, offensively and defensively in the league. The Chargers are on a roll and will not be stopped. Final 32-24 San Diego.

**Dallas at Carolina** – The Panthers have turned around their season after a rough start. Will Julius Peppers on defense and Steve Smith on offense, Carolina will be hard to stop, especially in front of their home crowd. Final 27-20 Carolina.

**New England at Minnesota** – The Vikings are a very tough team at home and have the capability to knock off the Pats. But with veteran leader Tom Brady, New England will stay composed and escape the Metrodome. Final 24-17 New England.

### Upset Special

**Baltimore at New Orleans** – This is a great test for the Saints. No team is going to have an easy time playing in New Orleans this season but the Ravens have the talent to pose a serious problem. Reggie Bush and Drew Brees will lead the Saints to an inspired victory. Final 27-17 New Orleans.

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A Vermont player stretches for the ball during UVM's 39-7 victory (Adam Briere / Vermont Cynic)

## Rugby, cont. from back page

After the half it was all Vermont, with UMF only mustering one serious offensive threat the entire half.

Strong tackling and precision passing seemed to cause frustration for the larger UMF team, who by the end simply could not keep up with the smaller, quicker Catamounts.

"We're a smaller team than most, but we make up for it with our speed and endurance," Bresland said.

Williams displayed all of these traits in a long scramble late in the second half during which he shifted and spun his way past UMF defenders, leaving many players throwing themselves at air. The run led to the final Catamount score of the day.

This playoff victory has been a long time coming, coach Declan Connelly said.

"This team has a lot of potential, its something we've been building on the last few years," Connelly said.

With the victory over Maine-Farmington, UVM moves on to the New England Rugby Football Union tournament to be held next weekend at Middlebury College, with the semifinals being held Saturday and the finals Sunday.

Should the Catamounts prevail next weekend and then at the Northern Rugby Union playoffs, which include teams from New York state as well as New England, they will play in nationals next spring.

But for now, the Catamounts are celebrating their victory but remaining focused on next weekend, where they hope to avenge their only loss this year, by three points to Middlebury College.

Senior Mike King neatly summed up the team's attitude toward the upcoming match. "After the last game [against Middlebury] their players did some inappropriate things at the end of the game, and let's just say some of our guys were a little pissed."



## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Will Cinderella win again?

A classic matchup of power vs. pitching headlines the 2006 World Series

By NICK DECARO  
Cynic Correspondent

At the start of the year few saw the 2006 Detroit Tigers putting up a winning season, let alone reaching the playoffs. Yet, here they stand, the latest "Cinderella" team to make it to the World Series and if history repeats itself they could win it all.

Since 2001 the Diamondbacks, Angels, Marlins, Red Sox and White Sox have all captured the crown, all unlikely and inspiring stories.

Fast forward to 2006. With this in mind, and given the Tigers' impressive 3-1 series win over the Yankees and the sweep of the A's, Detroit is poised to take the title.

St. Louis has earned their way into the Fall Classic for the second time in three years. Even with injuries to key players, the Cardinals were able to win the National League Central.

Returning most of their starting lineup in the postseason, St. Louis walked through San Diego, and then defeated the Mets in a thrilling seven game series.

Taking a closer, position by position look however, the World Series is Detroit's to lose.

## Infield

Detroit brings a balanced lineup and solid defense up against St. Louis' power attack.

"Pudge" Rodriguez has a cannon behind the plate, and with 16 years of MLB experience, Rodriguez is clutch, batting .341 with runners in scoring position.

Second baseman Placido Polanco has been on a tear this postseason batting a staggering .471, while pounding out 16 hits.

Brandon Inge, on top of being one of the best defensive third basemen in the league, hit 27 home runs with 83 RBI in the regular season.

For the Cards, Albert Pujols is perhaps the most feared slugger in the game and put up another MVP type season, batting

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Senior Chris Myers fends off a Husky defender during Vermont's 4-3 loss on Friday night at the hands of Michigan Tech (Ike Messmore / Vermont Cynic)

## Cats can't stand up to Huskies

For the second straight week nationally-ranked Vermont struggled against Huskies

By JASON FIDLER  
Staff Writer

The Catamounts may want to think about scheduling as few games as possible against teams nicknamed "Huskies" next season.

For the second weekend in a row, UVM was unable to win against an unranked opponent at "The Gut." Last Saturday the Catamounts tied the Huskies from Northeastern 2-2, and Friday they lost in overtime to the Michigan Tech Huskies, 4-3.

In front of a packed Gutterson Fieldhouse, UVM controlled the puck for most of the first period. However, despite five power play opportunities for the Catamounts, they were only able to muster one goal in the period.

The goal came with 6:44 left in the first when freshman (and

Michigan native) Colin Vock scored during a 5-on-4 power play with assists awarded to sophomore Corey Carlson and senior Chris Myers. Lack of pressure by the Catamounts during their power plays prevented them from improving the score during the first period.

"We had trouble getting anything going and generating any offense," Catamount coach Kevin Sneddon said after the game. "When they made mistakes we just weren't able to capitalize on them."

Both teams came out of the gates hard to begin the second period and Vermont freshman Brian Roloff added to the Catamount lead 2:20 into the period on assists coming from freshman Patrick Cullity and Myers.

Michigan Tech quickly responded less than two minutes later when Husky sophomore Geoff Kinrade threw a wrister past UVM goalie Joe Fallon, making the score 2-1.

At 8:29 of the second Vock and Carlson connected once

again immediately after a face off, giving Vock his second goal of the game.

The celebration was short-lived however, as MTU junior Tyler Shelast scored 30 seconds later on a breakaway. The second period came to a close with the score 3-2 in favor of Vermont.

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Vermont 1

Michigan Tech 2

Goals: UVM, Stalberg (1)  
MTU, Phil Axtell (1)  
Peter Rouleau (1)

As in the first period, the Catamounts controlled the tempo of the game to begin the third period, but could not get any consistent offense working. MTU Freshman defender, Eli Vlaisavljevich snuck the puck past Fallon at just over five minutes in the third. The goal seemed to stop any momentum the Catamounts had built throughout the game.

"I thought we were the better team for the first part of the game," Sneddon said. "But they

traveled 3,000 miles and it looked like they had a lot more energy than we did the second half of the game."

UVM's hopes for an overtime win were quickly put to rest when a hard slapshot by Michigan Tech senior and captain Lars Helminen found the back of the Catamount net. The goal ended the game after just 39 seconds of overtime play.

"That's a tough trip to make," Sneddon said about Michigan Tech's travels. "To play as well as they did in the second half of the game is a true testament to their team."

The loss drops Vermont's record to 2-1-1 on the season, and may hurt their chances of maintaining their ranking of 10<sup>th</sup> best team in the polls. Michigan Tech's record now stands at 2-1-0.

On Sunday the Catamounts will travel to Dartmouth College, and then to Boston College to face the Eagles on Saturday, Nov. 4. UVM's next home game is against the University of Ottawa on Sunday, Nov. 5.



The Catamounts look to score during their commanding victory over UMaine Farmington (Adam Briere / Vermont Cynic)

## Rugby team advances

Dominating win sends UVM club to next round

By DENNIS ROBILLARD  
Cynic Correspondent

The UVM men's rugby team won its first home playoff game in dominating fashion Saturday, defeating the University of Maine-Farmington 39-7.

The cold, blustery conditions on the pitch seemed to affect Vermont in the opening 20 minutes of the match. Sloppy play allowing UMF to strike first scoring a try and converting the ensuing kick.

"The cold caused some problems for us at the beginning, we were playing awful," UVM senior Brian Breslend said. "But once we started hitting people, things started getting better."

Things did get better, to the tune of 39 unanswered points neatly scattered throughout the remainder of the first and the second halves.

Leading the way for the Catamounts were junior Matthew Bystock and senior captain Nick Williams. Bystock, who seemed to be in the thick of every play, could be seen shouting at and motivating the team after their lackluster start, and it seemed to work, as UVM controlled the pace of the game from that point on.

Williams scored the first try of the game for the Catamounts to tie the game and he also scored the winning points, punting the ball through the uprights for a field goal, making the score 10-7 at halftime.

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## Rooney pleads not guilty

## Burlington PD steps up

### Rooney pleads not guilty to the murder of Michelle Gardner-Quinn

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

Burlington police officers led Brian Lee Rooney, shackled and eyes downcast, into the Vermont District Court in Burlington on Thursday for arraignment.

David Sleight, Rooney's court-appointed lawyer, pleaded not guilty on Rooney's behalf.

Rooney is charged with aggravated homicide, the most serious offense in the state of Vermont. The minimum sentence for aggravated homicide is life without parole.

On Oct. 25, Burlington police Detective Cpl. Ray Nails swore on the affidavit of probable cause for the arrest of Rooney. The evidence includes K-9 positive indications of scent and DNA evidence.

Evidence suggests that Rooney sexually assaulted and killed Gardner-Quinn between the hours of 2:34 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 7, according to the

affidavit.

Rooney and Gardner-Quinn were documented walking up Main Street by the Periwinkle jewelry store security camera at 2:34 a.m. At 4:30 a.m. Rooney entered his parents home in Richmond and spent the night on the couch.

Gardner-Quinn's body was discovered Oct. 13 by hikers at the Huntington Gorge, face down and partially covered by sticks

**Rooney is charged with aggravated homicide, the most serious offense in the state of Vermont**

and leaves. She was fully clothed, but it appeared that her pants had been hastily put back on, according to the affidavit.

Semen samples found on Gardner-Quinn's body match Rooney's DNA. The autopsy concluded Gardner-Quinn's died resulting from strangulation and

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Police Chief Tremblay announces charges against Rooney (Adam Briere / Vermont Cynic)

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Cynic Correspondent

Burlington's Police Department has come under the media spotlight with their nationally scrutinized investigation of the Michelle Gardner-Quinn homicide.

The Burlington Police Department first became involved in the case when Gardner-Quinn's parents reported their daughter missing when she failed to show up for breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The first objective for the police was to return Gardner-Quinn to a safe environment unharmed and then determine whether criminal conduct occurred. Tremblay said that the now charged suspect Brian Rooney was first contacted by the Police Department on Oct. 7.

"It was immediately very suspicious to us," Tremblay said.

Tremblay noted that while the case was handled as all missing person cases are supposed to be, the presence of the national media added a new level of complexity to an already complex investigation.

"The national media attention did not drive the case any more, but instead added a lot more work and levels of communication," Tremblay said.

However, Tremblay said that, "I could not be more proud of the men and women in the Burlington Police Department."

Many students are commenting on the exemplary job the police have done investigating the Gardner-Quinn homicide.

"They have been doing a great job," freshman Jessica Papeika said.

"Everybody was working so hard, I had to order officers to go home and get rest," Tremblay said. He further said that everybody in Burlington was really at their best, and the Burlington Police Department was working at full capacity.

"Burlington is a safe town," Tremblay said.

Tremblay believes that Gardner-Quinn's father described the safety of Burlington best when he said that, "Michelle really loved Burlington and Vermont, and though this crime happened here, I still view Burlington as a wonderful city."

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## Milmoe makes steps toward recovery

### UVM sophomore Mike Milmoe defies odds and makes astounding recovery



Mike Milmoe before the accident (photo courtesy Facebook)

By COLIN LUCAS  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM sophomore Mike Milmoe has begun an astounding recovery from a vegetative state that he slipped into following a collapse during a flag football game in September.

Doctors diagnosed Milmoe as having had a ventricular fibrillation, his father Jim Milmoe said. "There was an electrical rhythm that went through his heart that sent it into a fibrilla-

tion," he said.

A fibrillation is a "condition in which the heart's electrical activity becomes disordered. The heart pumps little or no blood. Collapse and sudden cardiac death will follow in minutes unless medical help is provided immediately," according to the American Heart Association.

Over the past few weeks Milmoe has been gradually improving to the point that he "is starting to form words," Jim Milmoe said.

"The nurse asked him, 'Where do you go to school, Michael?' and according to her, Milmoe said, 'Vermont, the University of Vermont,'" Jim Milmoe said.

The Milmoe family set up a Web site on carepages.com so they could post updates about his condition to friends, family and supporters.

According to the Web site, doctors initially estimated Milmoe's chances of recovery to be very slim.

"Mike suffered a severe injury to his brain, doctors seem to think he went about 75 minutes without oxygen," the Web site stated in mid-September.

"Michael has about a one in 10 chance of full recovery or needing limited assistance."

As of Sept. 15, "one of the

**"The nurse asked him, 'Where do you go to school, Michael?' and according to her, Milmoe said, 'Vermont, the University of Vermont'"**

-Jim Milmoe

doctors said he [had] about a 33 percent chance of full recovery, 33 percent no recovery, 33 percent somewhere in between," the Web site stated.

The following day, Milmoe's family posted on the Web site

that they were, "praying for a miracle as his chances for recovery are slim, less than five percent, but miracles do happen!"

During the following weeks, the prospect of Milmoe recovering remained grim, as he continually suffered from severe fevers, according to the Web site.

On Oct. 3, Milmoe was moved from the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where he had been receiving care since Sept. to The Spaulding Rehab Hospital. At Spaulding, he began doing speech and physical therapy.

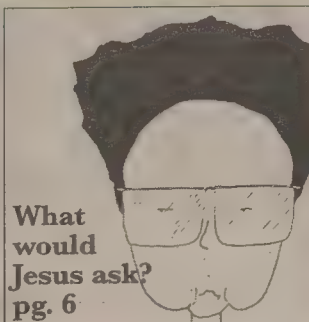
Defying all odds, Milmoe has continued with therapy throughout October making such advances as being able to answer questions and performing certain tasks. On Oct. 23, doctors put him on Ritalin, which is a brain stimulator, Jim Milmoe said.

Milmoe's family made a post on the Web site on Oct. 23, saying, "it's official, Mike really

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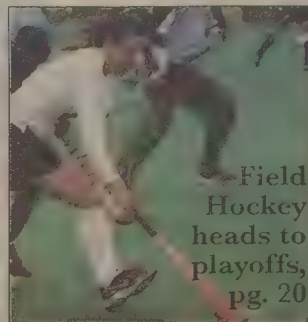
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# Men rally to address violence against women

**Community gathers to end negative treatment of women in wake of Gardner-Quinn tragedy**

By THOMAS MORSE  
Cynic Correspondent

Almost 100 students, faculty and community members gathered on Waterman's steps for the Men Advocating Change (M.A.C.) rally last Thursday to support ending violence against women.

"It's really exciting to see everyone out here freezing to death," Amy Boyd of the Center for Health and Wellbeing said. "We are being raped, we are being murdered, if that is not a hate crime, I don't know what is," said Emily Franz, a local resident who identifies herself as a feminist.

Members of Men Advocating Change wore black to the event in memory of Gardner-Quinn's murder, while they, as well as the majority of the assembled crowd, wore white ribbons to draw attention to the continual misogyny that exists worldwide, M.A.C. president and UVM sophomore Phillip Ortego said.

The white ribbon campaign is a "personal commitment to

not commit, advocate or accept gender-based violence" Ortego said.

Scott Hampton, the director of the New Hampshire group "Ending the Violence," said that the white ribbon campaign started in response to a 1991 shooting in Montreal in which a man killed 14 female students.

Men Advocating Change has been handing out ribbons in Cook Commons throughout the

**"We are being raped, we are being murdered, if that is not a hate crime, I don't know what is"**

-Emily Franz  
local resident

month of October to support the campaign, which has become a worldwide movement.

The group holds meetings every Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. in Wright 103 and both men and women are welcome to attend, Ortego said.

Since its inception three years ago, Men Advocating Change has sponsored events at UVM, such as the Vagina Monologues, freshmen barbecues and several think-tank films.

Hampton, the guest speaker of the event, said that America's sexist culture condones treating

women as sexual objects, and that is a major contribution to the tolerance of abuse in this country.

Gail Shampnois, the director of student and community relations, said that ignorance and acceptance allow for the prevalence of abuse.

"Some still consider rape an act of male sexuality gone awry, rather than an act of violence. But we know different, just as we know that if a person hits another person over the head with a frying pan, we don't call that cooking," Shampnois said, quoting Christopher Kilmartin, editor of The Society for the Psychological Study of Masculinity and Men Bulletin.

The intention of the rally, as by several speakers, was to take steps toward the prevention of gender based violence.

"I know we can change our view from Michelle Gardner-Quinn was just the latest victim, to Michelle is the last victim we are willing to tolerate," Hampton said at the conclusion of his speech, eliciting a round of applause and cheers from the crowd.

Miles Dougherty, a brother of Phi Delta Theta, said that fraternity members are often seen as the perpetrators of sexual assault.

Dougherty talked of the

**America's sexist culture condones treating women as sexual objects, and that is a major contribution to the tolerance of abuse in this country**

importance of integrity and honor within the Greek system. "Through my own actions," he said, "I cannot believe to have this kind of honor so long as those I associate myself with do not share this honor."

Boyd acknowledged that a lot of the speakers were repeating what had already been said, but remained optimistic about the cause; "I realize we may be preaching to the choir, but someone once said, even the choir needs practice ... and we have a great choir here."



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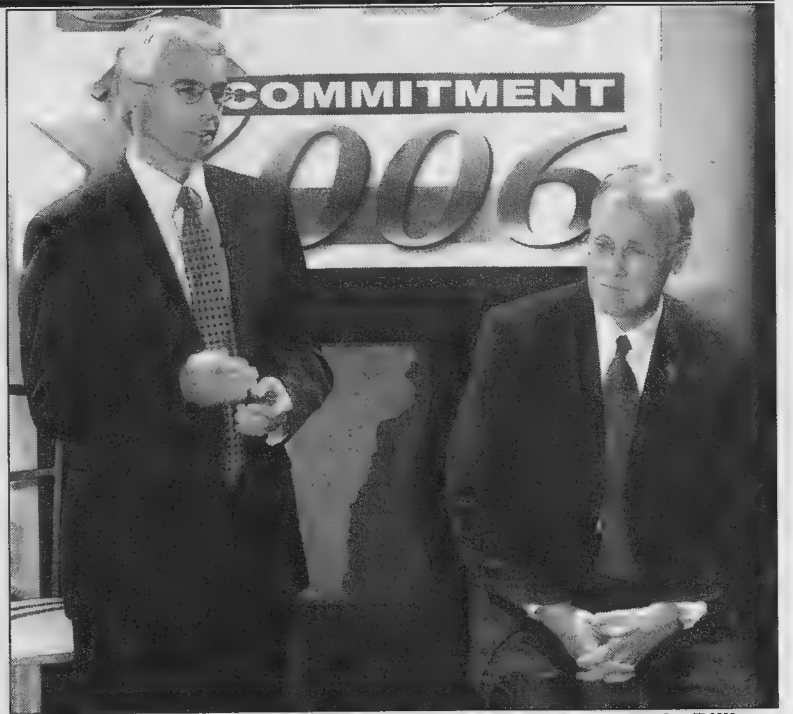
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From left Scudder Parker and Jim Douglas debate in Billings (Marielle Ludwig/ Vermont Cynic)

## Candidates debate safety

**Gubernatorial race nears finish as Douglas and Parker bring debate to UVM campus**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

A gubernatorial debate between Democrat Scudder Parker and Republican incumbent Jim Douglas was held in Billings Wed. Oct. 25 in front of an audience of just over 50 people.

Audience members consisted mainly of UVM political science students and professors.

WPTZ News Anchor Thom Hallock and Stephanie Gorin moderated the debate and asked the candidates questions. Most of the questions asked came from the political science students.

Candidates alternated answering questions with a one minute and 30 second response. The other candidate then had a 30 second rebuttal. There were no opening statements, but each candidate had a minute and 30 seconds to say closing remarks.

During the debate's hour long time slot, many issues were addressed, including the death of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

"When a tragedy of this magnitude occurs we all feel our share of grief," Douglas said. "I think we need to do more."

Douglas listed several measures to increase safety and decrease crime, including one involving the sex offender registry.

Parker expressed his sympathies to the UVM community and family. He also explained what he would do to prevent future tragedy.

Also addressed were issues of healthcare, property tax, education, renewable energy, employment, college tuition and gay marriage.

"Can the state make a commitment to affordable, high quality healthcare for all Vermonters?" Parker asked. "As governor, I can make that commitment."

Douglas said that the Catamount healthcare plan he

helped develop is evidence of progress in terms of attaining more affordable and higher quality healthcare for Vermonters.

"I have a very clear vision of what I want for the future of this state," Douglas said. "Very simply, I want to make sure that each generation of Vermonters is more prosperous than the generation that comes before."

Parker made it clear throughout the debate that he was not pleased with Douglas' leadership as governor for the two terms he has held the position.

"I think that Jim Douglas has really failed to provide the leadership required," Parker said. "He's failed to provide the leadership, make the tough decisions and to identify the tough decisions."

"I've had a wide range of experiences in Vermont," Parker said. "I know the land; I care about farming and agriculture."

Douglas mentioned the 20

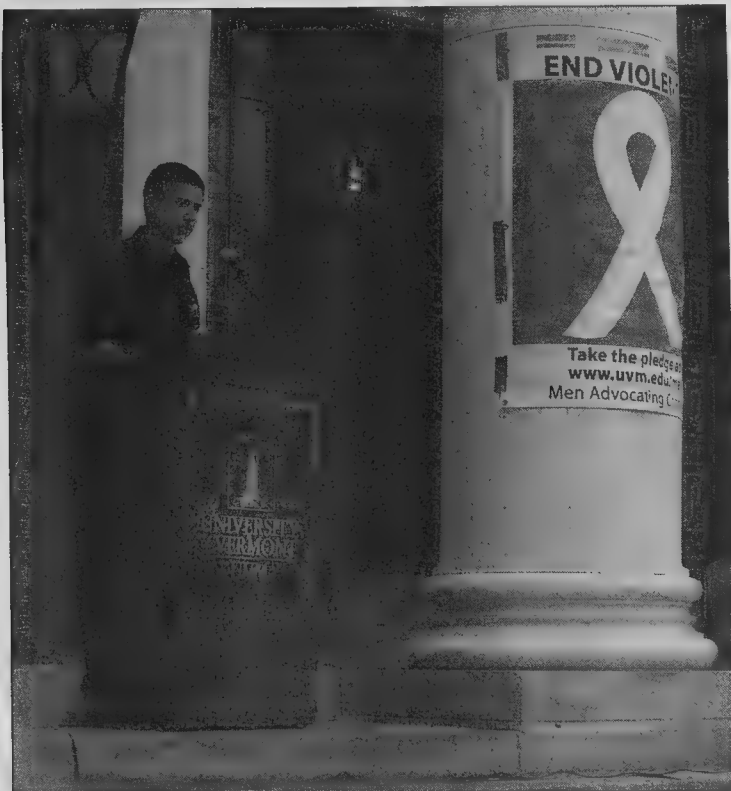
**"When a tragedy of this magnitude occurs, we all feel our share of grief, I think we need to do more."**

-Jim Douglas, addressing the issue of safety

years he has spent as a town meeting moderator in Vermont, in addition to his experience in the state legislature.

"I think it's very important that we remember the essence of Vermont's original democratic system of self government," said Douglas. "That's something that's very precious to the Green Mountain State."

Douglas said that he felt he performed well in the debate but would not comment on Parker's performance when questioned after the event.



Phillip Ortego speaks out against gender violence (Liz Crawford/ Vermont Cynic)

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Rooney enters the courtroom for his arraignment  
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## Rooney

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blunt force trauma.

K-9 Quincy, of Maine, detected a positive presence of Gardner-Quinn's scent on the passenger side door and the rear hatch of Rooney's red jeep. It is unclear if Gardner-Quinn was forced into the vehicle. K-9 units also found Gardner-Quinn's scent in a trailer behind Rooney's parent's house.

Rooney has been under police scrutiny since Oct. 8,

the day following Gardner-Quinn's disappearance. He has made multiple statements to the police about his whereabouts during the early hours of Oct. 7.

Rooney told Tommy Lang, a close friend of Gardner-Quinn, that he had parted ways with Gardner-Quinn after walking East on Main Street. Later on Oct. 13 Rooney said to Burlington police Detective Daniel Merchand, "I honestly don't know what I did that night. If I did it, I deserve to die."

Rooney has maintained that he was blackout drunk and does not remember how

he arrived at his parent's house in Richmond.

Police are still waiting for the results from the toxicology report on Gardner-Quinn's body to determine if any chemical substances were used to incapacitate her.

Rooney has a record of sexual abuse that includes the use of a gasoline soaked rag to incapacitate women and death threats against women, according to court documents.

Rooney's next court date is set for Nov. 17 at the Vermont District Court in Burlington.

# Will Students vote Nov. 7?

With races coming down to the wire many wonder how influential the student vote will be

By HILLARY LOWENBERG

The Nov. 7 midterm election will determine future legislation and policies that could reshape American politics. "For Vermont's lone Congressional seat, the race is neck-and-neck between Democrat Peter Welch and Republican Martha Rainville which is incredible considering how liberal Vermont is," said Alex Friendly, a UVM senior who also works at the Vermont Democratic Party Headquarters.

"In this election so much is at stake, the Congress influences the White House and all issues need to be debated — war, college loans, etc.," said Madeleine Kunin, former Governor of Vermont and current professor in the Political Science department at UVM.

"Students can really determine the election if they vote in full force," Kunin said.

According to The U.S. Census Bureau only 47 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the 2004 presidential election. This was the lowest voter turnout of any subgroup.

"It is sad, these are the voters who are most at stake, they are going to live with these decisions for the rest of their lives," Kunin said.

"What concerns me most is that students tune out what is going on in the world," she said.

"Compared to the student movements in the 1960s the activists actually did something, we just don't care," Friendly said. "If your parents pay for everything then why do you care about the rising health care costs or tuition costs?"

"A lot of people care about politics but still didn't vote," said Dan Passios, a UVM junior who didn't vote in the 2004 election. "We are still kids, still young, no one pays taxes yet, but once I graduate everything's on me... it's my life now."

"I got an absentee ballot but lost it and when I found it, it was too late," Passios said. "I didn't think it mattered, but now Bush is our president."



Bernie Sanders encouraging students to 'Rock the Vote' (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

"A lot of students are just lazy," UVM Junior Jamie Hoffberger said. "Where do you even go to vote?"

Friendly is registering voters until Oct. 30 at the Town Clerk's office at the intersection of Main and Church street. "Beginning Oct. 10, people can vote early by going down to town hall," Friendly said.

Out-of-state voters can request absentee ballots online. "Students make up a quarter of the population of Burlington," Friendly said, "we have a lot of power."

Student political activists are visible at UVM in small numbers. "It is effective to have students out in front of the library that really care about the issues," said Hoffberger.

"It is traditionally young people who are leaders of causes," Kunin said. "If you are not an activist when you are young, you will never be."

"This election really matters. If Democrats win back the House, we can finally hold this administration and the Republican rubber-stamp Congress responsible for all the harm it has inflicted upon our country and to our image around the world," Friendly said.

"People need to get out and vote," Passios said. "Now that I think about it I should have voted. If everybody does something it has to eventually change."

"I learned very early on that no matter where you are you are not safe if you are a woman," junior Carol Spelke said.

"We must ask why men commit violent acts instead of why women walk alone at night, everybody ought to be free to walk alone at night" Tremblay said.

Tremblay finally said that, "The University of Vermont has been spectacular from President Fogel right on down through the University organization to the student leaders."

What the University has shown has been special. Everybody reached out. It's what makes the University a special place."

## Burlington PD

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However, there are steps for students in Burlington residents to increase their levels of safety. "The first step for students is to understand that crime can occur anywhere, and then it's important to make sure of surroundings," Tremblay said.

According to Tremblay this case also illustrates the reality of how violence against women in our society is a significant problem.

## Mike Milmo

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is one in a million! He even has some of the best doctors in the country shocked with the improvements he is making."

While his improvements have astounded many doctors, it is still unclear whether Milmo will be able to make a full recovery, Jim Milmo said.

Milmo's fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, has raised money to help offset some of the medical bills for the Milmo family.

"Originally, we ordered 1,000 bracelets. So far, along with other donations, we have made \$4,000. We sold for \$5 a bracelet and a lot of people just donated, like alumni and parents of

people in the chapter," said Matt Clauson, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

According to Clauson, on Friday, Oct. 27, the fraternity held a Level One ski movie premiere at UVM, with proceeds going to the Milmo family.

### Milmo's condition has improved markedly

"The whole Greek community has been really supportive. The UVM campus has really responded well and been very supportive," Clauson said.

"He has really made a lot of recovery. Hopefully, some of that support, that energy, has transferred to him," Clauson said.

To find out more information and to receive updates on Milmo's recovery, create a username at [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com) and type in MikeMilmo (one word) to access his page.



# Michelle Gardner-Quinn

## A personal look into the life of Michelle Gardner-Quinn

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

Michelle Gardner-Quinn viewed the world through an exceptional lens, where the mundane became beautiful, problems became challenges and no boundaries or limits existed. Her contagion? An honest exuberance for life that infected the friends she made all over the world.

Michelle was intensely introspective, holding herself to the highest personal standards, yet outgoing and pragmatic about global and community issues. "I was struck that she felt such a deep and personal connection to nature, and yet she was equally concerned with the well-being of people, of human communities," said Cecilia Danks, Michelle's professor of Environmental Studies while at the University of Vermont.

Intensely independent from a young age, Michelle attended HB

Woodlawn, an alternative magnet school for grades 6-12. HB Woodlawn encourages students to design their own educational experience, a philosophy Michelle lived by the rest of her life.

She enrolled at Goucher College, in Baltimore after graduating high school, but her adventurous spirit kept her far from campus. Michelle traveled abroad to Costa Rica, Brazil and South Africa, studying, among other things, the peculiarities of giant swamp otters.

Michelle transferred to UVM in part because of the freedom it allowed her in individually designing a combined Environmental Studies and Latin American Studies major.

Her best friend of eight years, UVM senior Tommy Lang, and a life long love of Vermont and snowboarding also contributed to Michelle's decision to transfer to UVM.

"She was awesome at snowboarding," Tommy said. Michelle often visited Tommy in Vermont, and always impressed him with her talent and nerve on the mountain. "I remember pushing her to do more things, I taught her how to board slide and do rails," Tommy said.



Michelle's love for travel and exploration led her across the globe (courtesy of Facebook)

"She was great, a goofball on the hill, we would be having snowball fights while going down the trails," Tommy said.

As soon as Michelle came to Vermont this fall, she hit the outdoors. She elected to do a six-day Trek program with nine other UVM students the week before the semester started.

While hiking the Green Mountains and sliding down Mt. Mansfield, Michelle made many devoted friends.

Upon finishing Trek and starting classes, Michelle and her friends from Trek became a loose group, picking up more friends along the way.

Adam Briere, a friend from Trek, described Michelle as a dynamic part of the group, "We all had different backgrounds; Michelle brought a lot of ridiculous wisdom to our group."

That ridiculous wisdom and her hilarious and funky sense of humor added to Michelle's magnetism. She was lighthearted, but always concerned with serious issues. Danks remembers her as "a happy, outgoing environmentalist, ready to engage tough problems and not get bogged down in the doom and gloom."

Julia Martin, another friend from Trek, loved Michelle's clear mind, among other traits. "I understood the way she thought," Julia said. "Michelle was passionate about living life to the fullest." Julia and Michelle spent time exploring Burlington on bikes and going to north beach to jump off the cliffs.

"She was one of those people, who had a lot of ideas, but there is only so much time in the day," Julia recalled of Michelle's ambitious scheduling. "That was a joke about Michelle, to be casually late to everything," Julia said, laughing at the memory. "When she graduated, she would have done a lot."

Tommy remembers Michelle as an exceptional photographer with an ability to find beauty and interest in everyday objects. "She

had a really good eye at looking at ordinary things from a different angle," Tommy said.

"That is what Michelle was about," Adam added, "bringing ordinary things to light for you." He smiled and said, "like how terrible food is, Michelle was a vegan and she was always guilt-tripping me into thinking about changing."

Keri Johnson, a student professor of the class, Yogic Environmental Philosophy, that Michelle greatly enjoyed, described her as "an environmentalist and a practicing yogi, she saw beauty in the smallest things."

Michelle inspired Keri to write a poem, helping her to remember Michelle now that she is gone, "Her shining soul permeates our flesh, the wind, the trees, the soil and all creatures of life... She is here right now, surrounding us, she is in our practice, in the moments, in the smiles, in the tears."

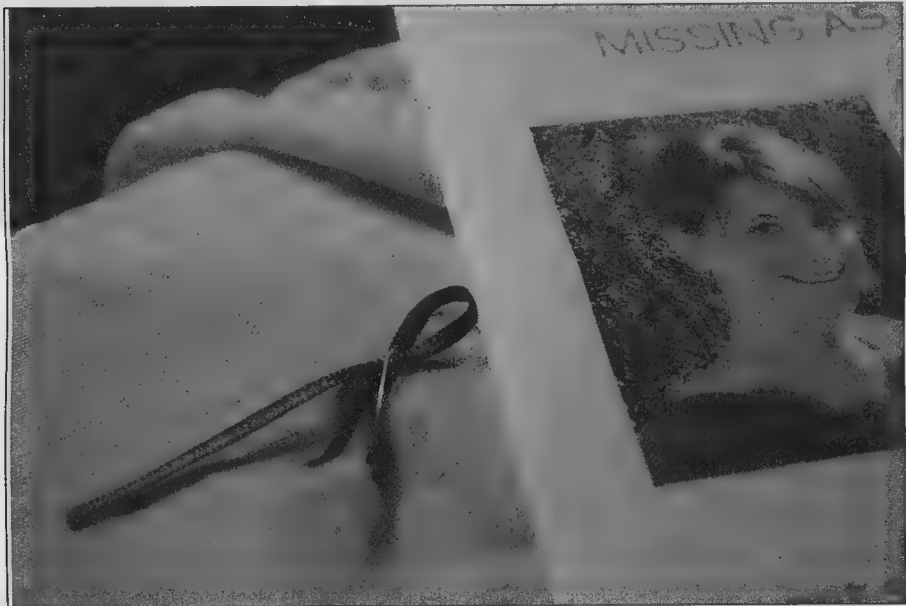
Michelle grew up in Arlington Va., across the Potomac River from Washington D.C. with her parents Diane Gardner Quinn and John-Charles Quinn. She was part of a tight knit group of friends who spent every summer at the community swimming pool, Donaldson Run.

"I have known her longer than I can even remember," said Melissa McCracken, a life long friend of Michelle, who remembered calling Michelle "Mimi" when they swam in the baby pool together. The girls moved up to the bigger pool, then joined the swim team and eventually became lifeguards together at Donaldson Run. Michelle has two older half siblings, Yasmine and Paul Rassam.

"She was carefree, didn't care what others thought. She was not interested in owning designer things, she went her own way. She was so passionate about art, and music," said Melissa.

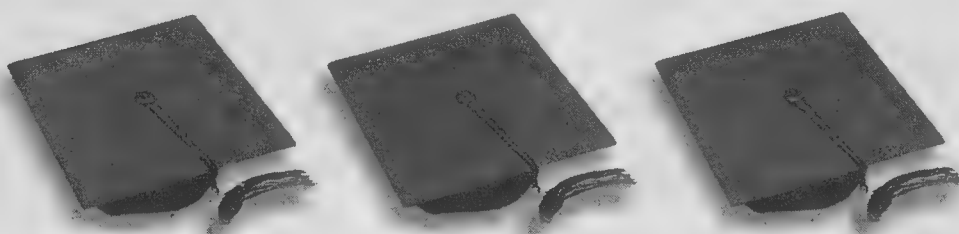
In addition to her passion for travel, friends and the environment, Michelle played the cello, sang in her church choir, and was excellent soccer player and swimmer.

"Michelle is the kind of woman who would want her actions and what she did to stand out more than what she was," Keri said.



Michelle's time at UVM, though brief, left an impact on the community (Adam Briere/ Vermont Cynic)

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# For women, eggs mean money

**Fletcher Allen's egg donation program offers women an opportunity to give their eggs and make money at the same time**

By DANIELLE  
GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Cynic Correspondent

For financially struggling and busy college students, abandoning a typical nine to five job in favor of a quick moneymaker can be appealing.

Recently, *The Cynic* ran a series of advertisements looking for non-smoking females, aged 21 to 33, who were interested in

participating in the Fletcher Allen egg donation program for infertile couples.

The criterion for becoming an egg donor appears in the advertisement, but interested participants must complete a comprehensive screening process.

Donors are required to complete a telephone interview, a medical evaluation, psychological screening and a series of lab work tests, which look for genetic disorders, sexually transmitted diseases and the ovarian reserve.

Participants must also fill out a detailed questionnaire of their genetic, reproductive, physical, psychological and sexual history, according to the Vermont center for reproductive health Web site.

"The whole process can take up to six months, the cycle is normally done in a month and a half. Screening can take four to six months. It varies, but we normal-

ly have 10 people a year," said Jennifer Croffman, egg donations coordinator for the Fletcher Allen egg donor program.

Once a candidate is accepted, they are put on oral contraceptives for two weeks. After

**Donors are compensated \$3,000 for the completed process. Repeat donors are compensated \$3,500.**

this period donors take self-injected medications for an average 10 to 12 days, depending on how their ovaries respond. After 10 days, an ultrasound is taken to determine if the donor is viable to begin ovarian stimulation.

After the cycle of medication and tests, and if egg retrieval is deemed appropriate, the donor is given an injection of a human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), a hormone produced during pregnancy. 36 hours later the donor goes to Fletcher Allen medical center on UVM's main campus for the retrieval process.

Recovery from the procedure is typically one to two hours, and side effects can include bleeding, bloating and fatigue, according to the center's Web site.

"It takes a pretty big commitment, once you are matched with a recipient there are four or five doctors you have to meet and a lot of effort involved," Croffman said.

Donors are compensated \$3,000 for the completed process. Repeat donors are compensated \$3,500. If a donor completes the

ovulation induction, but the physicians determine that egg retrieval should not be performed, the donor is still paid \$3000. If a donor elects to withdraw from the program at any time, they are not compensated.

"We pay an additional \$500 for people to get through the second and third donation because we know their system and that they are reliable," Croffman said.

According to the success rates in established clinics in the U.S. and abroad, live births occur in about 40 percent of pregnant women using donor eggs. In 2002, the Fletcher Allen health center success rate of live births involving donor eggs was 60 percent, 20 percent higher than the national and international average, according to the Fletcher Allen Web site.

Fletcher Allen advertises that a student's egg donation is a "gift of love," and Croffman said that the program is not just about the money.

"We screen donors to make sure they are not doing it just for the money. They must meet a psychologist. I mean money always plays a part in a sense, but we compensate on the lower side of the national market, so if they were just in it for the money they could go somewhere else," Croffman said.

UVM sophmores Caitlin Cullen and Carly Krasner said they would donate more for the money than any other factors.

"I would totally do that for three grand, you can't tell me you

**Most recipients are grateful for whatever they can get, and students are not paid more or less for their appearance**

wouldn't do that," Krasner said to Cullen, sitting across the table.

"I mean it's a lot of money. I would gladly do it just as long as it had no harm on me," Cullen said.

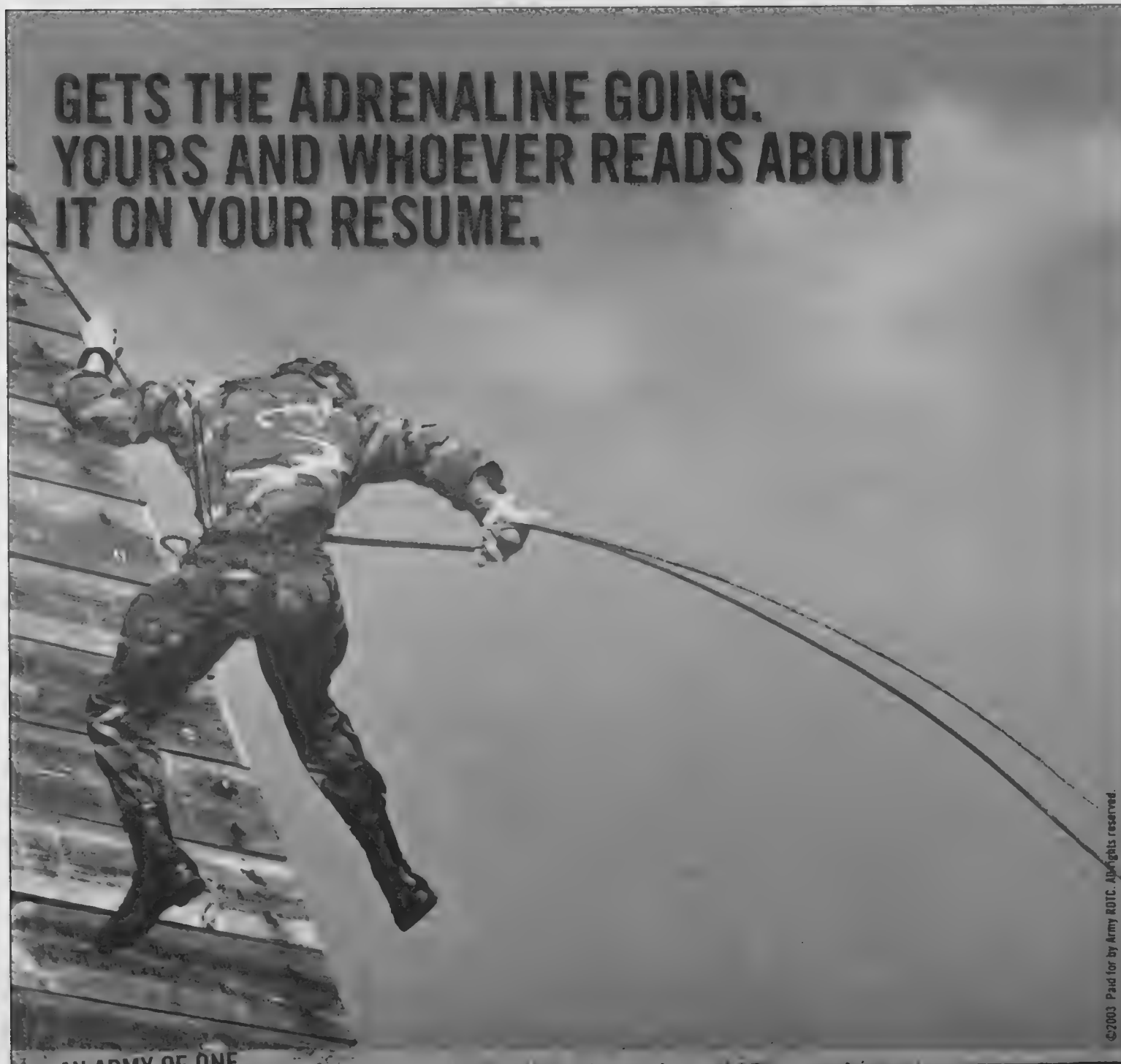
Croffman explained that the process is anonymous and the names of the participants are never written on any of the documents, known to the staff or released to any of the recipients.

The recipient does receive enough information about the donor to determine what their child will look like and what their medical history may be.

"We do have criteria which say weight and basic race and ethnicity so recipients can get an idea of what the donor will look like. Sometimes we have people who are looking for light eyes and light hair, so they will wait," Croffman said.

Croffman explained that most recipients are grateful for whatever they can get, and students are not paid more or less for their appearance.

"The recipients are extremely thankful and they are usually thrilled that anyone would be willing to donate an egg," Croffman said.



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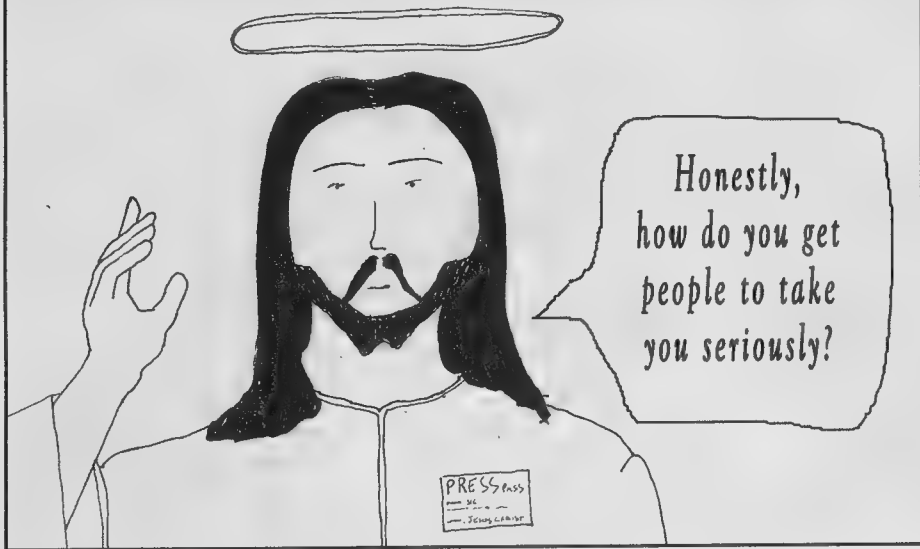
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## What Would Jesus Ask: Kim Jong Il



# No easy answers to sexual violence

Opinion Editorial - Laura Pedro - News Editor

Gender violence has never been a more prevalent issue than it is today. In the wake of the recent abduction and murder of Michelle Gardner-Quinn, which was seemingly if not undeniably sexually motivated, and recent headlining sexual assault cases, women have reason to be afraid.

Now women must become more aware.

The gunman who took ten female hostages in an Amish schoolhouse singled out the girls, aged six to 13, and forced all older women and males to leave the room. Press reports say that the attack was sexually motivated.

Several weeks earlier, a middle aged man took six girls hostage in a Colorado classroom, and in the same manner, hand picked small girls, many with blonde hair. Press reports confirm that the gunman "sexually assaulted and traumatized" some of the victims.

These attacks represent a consistent trend of young girls being targeted, for sexual assault. Statistics from the National Violence Against Women survey found that 21.6 percent of women who survived rape were under the age of 12, and 32.4 percent were between

the ages 12 to 17.

Now the problem that once loomed in the distance has hit home. Females in Burlington fear walking alone downtown, as well as on campus. Friends of mine have refused to come over on school nights because they're

guarantee that the male friend who offers to walk you home won't become the feared sexual assaulter, especially when alcohol is involved.

When examining Gardner-Quinn's murder, questions are brought up like, "why was she

Women are told to be dependent on men, and at the same time to fear them. The message is not consistent.

A UVM sophomore, who we'll call Rachel, experienced an incident of assault many other women can relate to. After drinking at a party downtown, she decided to stay with a male acquaintance who offered her a place to sleep so she didn't have to walk back up to campus.

The next morning she woke up with no shirt on, her pants unbuttoned and no recollection of what had occurred with the male acquaintance the night before.

Feeling embarrassed and uncomfortable about her actions, she didn't ask him what happened. The victim's concern for her own well-being was overshadowed by shame produced by societal standards. Wanting to forget the experience and not think about it any further, Rachel never questioned what occurred, a decision she now regrets.

There is no easy solution to gender violence. Men and women need to recognize that male violence towards women is an imperative issue, and it needs to stop.

**Women are told not to walk home alone because of male predators in society. And yet, by asking a male to walk her home, a female faces the same threat**

afraid of having to walk home alone.

Over and over again, the same solution is offered. Women are told not to walk by themselves; to find a male escort. Is this just a case of replacing one male with another?

Women are told not to walk home alone because of male predators in society. And yet, by asking a male to walk her home, a female faces the same threat.

The survey found that of the 17.6 percent of women who survived a rape or attempted rape, 64 percent were assaulted by spouse, cohabiting partner, boyfriend or date. There is no

walking home alone that night?"

This type of questioning is futile and unproductive. It blames the victim for her actions, rather than focusing on the actions of the attacker.

Violence prevention for women is important, but it is men's actions that need to change.

Women should not take this step backward, a step towards dependence. The threat of gender violence should be acknowledged by women, but it should not control their lives.

Tragedies like the ones that have occurred in the last month bring to the surface the larger issue of women trusting men.

## Letters to the Editor

### S.T.A.N.D. adopted a Eurocentric approach

I am writing in response to Magdalena Jensen's "argument" on why Jake Meany was incorrect in his assessment of the Darfur situation.

In the litany of error and generalities that Jensen makes, I think her main problem is an ill-informed idealism. She believes that the world works together to solve problems, and issues of national interest and sovereignty get thrown to the wind.

That seems to be the only justification for her essentializing of the Dafuri people and for her entire message, that white westerners need to help poor minorities throughout the world.

This racist, Eurocentric argument misses the point of Meany's suggestions and seems to raise the dead specter of the original justification of colonialism.

Some of Jensen's larger mistakes are in her solutions. Sanctions don't work for two reasons. Sudan has oil that Asian governments will buy no matter what (even with U.S. sanctions, it has one of the largest growing economies) and sanctions have a low probability of success, e.g. North Korea and Cuba. Next is that UN troops, which are still not guaranteed, are only a symbolic and empty gesture that will not actually solve the problem.

20,000 troops cannot keep the peace in a large region like Darfur and will never even get on the ground. Even the term peacekeepers implies that UN forces help maintain an established peace. They are not peacemakers, and do not have the capabilities for a prolonged military affair.

I guess that Jensen is borrowing the line from President Bush in Iraq, that more troops means success. How has that idea panned out?

I suggest that Ms. Jensen start learning about foreign affairs (the University offers several great classes) instead of relying on pamphlets made by stoned hippies with no concept of how geopolitics works out in the real world.

JAMIE PENDELTON

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## The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

*"I know I'm an object of criticism in the world, but if I am being talked about, I must be doing the right things."*

*Kim Jong Il, Leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*



## Letters to the Editor

### Cara justifies bad business

As a business student who, quite frankly, probably out-qualifies you in the acquisition of this curricula, and who is also a devoted member of SLADE environmental co-op – an excellent source of people to label as “hippies.” I would like to respond to Cara Morefields choice remarks.

She implies that anyone who objects to finding a 12 page slew of fictitious propaganda against a woman's right to abortion in their student newspaper is throwing a tantrum because it doesn't fall right in line with their liberal bias.

Well, I sure do have a liberal bias, but it's not like being “conservative” is synonymous with telling outright lies to emotionally vulnerable women. If it was even remotely possible that we actually have an under-population problem, or that women have abortions available to them all nine months of their pregnancy or that birth control “causes” abortions, all of which were printed, I would say, “fine, advertise your drivel even if I don't agree with it.”

I'm pissed off because the school newspaper acted as a vehicle to distribute an excessive amount of false information concerning a very sensitive subject.

Clearly, *The Cynic* needs funding from false advertisers, because no one else can put in for an ad that is actually selling something.

ASHLEY HALL

### Sports editorial on point

I just wanted to say how much I appreciated your article on college sports and the detrimental effect they can have on undergraduate education.

I am a graduate student at UVM in the Higher Education Student Affairs Administration program and your article was so appropriately timed, my cohort couldn't believe it.

For class this week, we read “Beer and Circus: How Big Time College Sports is Crippling Undergraduate Education” (a book basically saying the same things you did, if you haven't read it you definitely should), and it's incredibly insightful.

I did my undergraduate work at a large research institution myself, Michigan, and had as much fun at the sporting events as the next person, but totally agree with you that undergraduate education can often take a second seat when major college sports come in the picture.

Bottom line, there will never be enough money at any collegiate institution, and it's a problem, but we all know this.

Just wanted to give you a little support for a great op-ed.

HANNAH ROBERTS  
ASSISTANCE RESIDENCE  
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## Society doesn't kill people, statistical outliers do

SAM LAVALEE: A dose of skepticism

The school shooting at Columbine in 1999 shocked the United States. The idea that children were not safe at a school, of all places, made parents of school-aged children ill with fear.

Since that time, the public seems to have slowly forgotten about violence in schools. That is until Sept. 27, when the first of three school shootings in a week reclaimed the media spotlight.

Although three school shootings in six days is an unprecedented phenomenon, school violence is currently declining. A recent article in *The Economist* noted that, “violence in schools has fallen by half since the mid-1990s; children are more than 100 times more likely to be murdered outside the school walls than within them.”

The meaning of these incidents has experts scratching their heads.

While the victims of these events were all women, the same *Economist* article noted that rates of violence against women are also down. All three shootings were suicides, leading others to argue that these incidents are a result of a change in the way people commit suicide. The gun control debate can go

either way. Stricter gun control would help keep weapons out of the hands of criminals, while relaxing the law might lead more teachers to carry concealed weapons and be able to prevent these incidents.

One article in *The Spectator* argues that the killing in the Amish school in Pennsylvania may imply that

response to a chain of events such as recent school shootings is to place blame, then where does the blame lie here?

The obvious route is to blame the criminals, and in this instance it is the appropriate route. Instead of examining statistical evidence, trends of data, sociological influences or psycho-analysis to locate a com-

girls, sociologists will try to tell you that society is often to blame.

A psychologist will get an interview on the evening news, arguing that a shooter wasn't hugged enough as a child and was somehow unable to decipher right from wrong. These may seem like extreme cases, but sometimes it is a social scientist's diagnosis that distinguishes lethal injection from six months in the loony bin.

So while the majority of the blame for murdering innocent children in schools should clearly fall on the shoulders of the murderer, perhaps it's time the public thinks more fundamentally on where blame is placed in society.

The social sciences are certainly valuable for examining many aspects of human behavior, but when the public sees three school shootings and asks, “what is the sociological connection?” before it asks, “what the f--k is wrong with those three murderers?” I start to worry.

After all, while statisticians are crunching the numbers for social science's research on school violence, the next statistical outlier is polishing his gun before he hops on the school bus in the morning.

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sheltering a community from modern reality is responsible for this specific incident. “Even the Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., cannot protect themselves from guilt by association. That's a pretty sobering thought. It also helps illustrate the uselessness of wishing the world were something it is not. We cannot make ourselves safe by going about our business and hoping the rest of the world will leave us alone. The world will not.”

However, the author uses this argument to explain why blaming pro or anti-gun control groups for tragedies like this is problematic. If the natural

mon thread that motivates such terrible criminal acts, let's give credit where credit is due—these guys are sick!

I know, it's a groundbreaking idea, right?

But, this outbreak of school violence does call something less obvious into question. In today's modern world, social scientists are always looking for this thread that ties events together and identifies trends in human behavior.

The media broadcast research projects that identify sociological reasons for everything under the sun. From choosing a breakfast cereal to murdering innocent Amish

## Love is ...

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

“I met in the street a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat was threadbare, there were holes at his elbows, the water passed through his shoes and the stars through his soul” wrote Victor Hugo.

Love is...As I sit at my computer I find myself trying to finish a sentence that centuries of poets, thinkers and writers have all tried, usually unsuccessfully, to complete.

What does love mean?

What does love in college mean?

Is it impossible to define?

I imagine love as the multiple strands on a rope, each different, but unified by a common theme. That theme seems to be a profound sense of completeness. A feeling that we have found a piece of ourselves in some external point, knowing ourselves through interacting with others.

In college, we as students are told this is where we are going to challenge ourselves, and we begin to piece together the puzzle that is individual awareness.

But, then most of us also want to find someone. A recent study of college students found that 96 percent wanted to find love in college and 97 percent wanted to get married at some time in their lives. It seems odd that at a time when we are still

figuring out who we are, we are looking for that someone who can make us “feel like ourselves.”

The fervent desire to be known and appreciated by someone else is how human beings were designed in the first place. And it doesn't help that it seems that the media portrayal of relationships presents unrealistic expectations about what romantic love is.

The most popular form of intimacy in college is “hooking up.” But this is more a “you get yours, I get mine” understanding that may lead to complications for one or both parties. And I am not trying to equate a one-night stand to love, but there is a similar desire: to feel wanted, to feel the attention and connection from someone else.

It seems we as an age group are growing up in a world without social rules. The etiquette and courtship rituals don't exist anymore. There is no formal procedure or arena for us to engage others romantically. And no, speed dating does not count. We are also living in a world that is disconnected from real intimacy.

With computers, television and digital technology, I don't even need to leave the house for errands, let alone for human contact. Point in case, how are there millions of individuals that interact in fantasy, videogame and online worlds instead of actually going out.

The way to think, then,

about whether you are in love is to stop thinking. Love is like being pregnant, you either are or aren't, there is no inbetween.

You might be infatuated with someone, but that doesn't mean that you are in love. I am not telling everyone to go out and fall in love.

I am not telling anyone who reads this anything. I don't believe in authority, it usually fails. I am giving a bit of advice from my own experience. That you should have your eyes open each day for signs of love, and then when you find it, embrace and be true to it with your very being. It will not be easy—nothing significant ever is.

But I promise that there is nothing greater than the feeling of having your emotions returned. With the recent events that has happened on campus and in the world I think we can all open our eyes a little more.

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# College Gourmet

## Twice Baked Potatoes

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- Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour or until the potatoes are soft and firm.
- Let potatoes cool slightly. Cut baked potatoes in half and scoop out pulp within 1/4 inch of the shell edge.
- Mash the pulp with milk, salt and butter to taste.
- Stuff shells with mashed pulp mixture sprinkle tops with grated Cheddar cheese.
- Place potatoes on a baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly.

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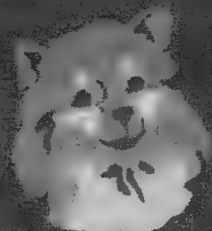
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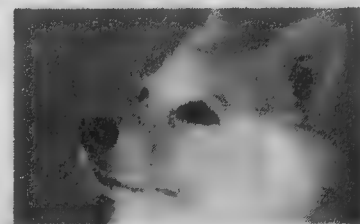
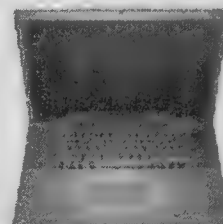
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# THROUGH THE EX

Story By **KATE MACIEJOWSKI**

*Cynic Correspondent*

Image by **Michael Wadleigh**

**UVM Junior Atem Deng is lucky not only to be gaining a college education, but to be alive**

**Imagine** coming home from work to find your neighborhood destroyed, your parents gone, your home in ruins. What would you do? Where would you go?

Thousands of Sudanese children faced that unthinkable scenario in the mid-1980s at the outbreak of the second Sudanese Civil War. Returning from working in the fields, these "Lost Boys," as they came to be known, went home to ransacked villages, dead bodies and confusion.

Not knowing where else to turn, many fled to neighboring Ethiopia.

Eventually, a select few found their way to the United States through aid groups like the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

A small population of students who attend the University of Vermont call Sudan home, many hoping to return there one day.

These students, refugees of their native country, attend UVM in hopes of completing an education that will someday help them make a difference in their own lives and those of children currently living in Sudan.

Junior Atem Deng is one of seven Sudanese natives who attend the University of Vermont. He came to the United States from southern Sudan when he was 19-years-old as part of an IRC program that brought 4,000 Sudanese to the U.S. for the chance at an education.



The IRC held interviews with thousands of refugees, with only one fifth of the 20,000 applicants accepted to come to the U.S.

"You had to write your life story, and if you passed the interview then you were allowed to come to the United States," Deng said.

Deng was separated from his parents in 1987 at age six, around when the second

Civil War began.

At the beginning of the conflict, Deng was driven from his home village to a refugee camp in Ethiopia, where he resided for four years.

In 1992, the evacuees were driven out of the Ethiopian camp due to local Civil War and forced to make their way back through Sudan to Kenya.

The harrowing journey to Kenya was filled with dangers unknown in even the griciest of refugee camps.

After walking hundreds of miles, 10-year-old Deng and the mass of refugees were held up at the flooded Gilo River, and each day that their journey was postponed the threat of enemy assaults loomed larger.

Deng and the other refugees waited in the tall grass of the African bush for the water level to decrease so they could make it across.

Many of the refugees did not know how to swim, but it came down to the choice of attempting to cross the river or dying at the hands of the adversary. Some drowned, others were killed by crocodiles. A number were simply massacred - shot mercilessly by enemies waiting on the riverbanks.

Deng was one of the fortunate who made it across the river safely, eventually arriving in Kenya where he remained in a U.N. camp for nine years.

While pursuing an education at the U.N. refugee camps, Deng not only faced the challenge of staying alive despite enemy pursuits, but also a lack of both food and water and the fear of dangerous

animals that live in the regions.

The refugee camp in Kenya was located in the desert area of Kakuma, and while U.N. provisions were limited, water was scarcest. Death was a constant companion in the camp with people dying nightly, Deng said.

Those living in the Kakuma camp also had to be wary of Kenyan natives who would sneak into camp at night to raid U.N. supplies.

"They didn't have enough food themselves, and if you tried to stop them they would kill you," Deng said.

Deng lived in Kenya until 2001, when he was able to move to the U.S. with the help of the IRC program.

When Deng was accepted to come to the U.S., he came directly to Vermont - the Green Mountain state having been randomly selected by the IRC as his new

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home.

The Sudanese who moved to the U.S. had no say in where they were to live, and many were unaware of the immensity of the country.

"You couldn't choose where you were going to be," Deng said. "Whether it was in California, or here in Vermont. None of



A Sudanese mother with her child  
(Michael Wadleigh/Physicians For Human Rights)



# VIEWS OF A VICTIM



so ended civil war and run amok in Darfur.

Deng believes that there is no easy solution to the complicated situation in Darfur. Unlike the Sudanese Civil Wars, which raged between the Muslim North and the predominately Christian South, the Darfur genocide has nothing to do with religion.

"It's sad," Deng said. "But what can you say to them? What can you do to them?"

"If you ask President Bush, 'what are you going to do about it?' he has no answer," Deng said. "Same with Kofi Annan. If you ask him ... he has no answer."

Deng said that the U.N. has two viable options in dealing with the crisis: methodically removing the current regime, or giving the civilians a chance at finding an education elsewhere.

"The bad news is people call it genocide, but they don't do anything," he said.

Deng's life is much brighter than it was 10 years ago. Last year, he returned to Sudan to reunite with his parents whom he had not seen in 17 years.

While his father is currently still in Sudan, his mother is living in the bordering country of Uganda for the time being.

His trip home shed light on the current situation in Sudan, which is beginning to hold the promise of a cessation of conflict.

The Comprehensive Peace Agreement, signed by the Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Sudanese government in December of last year, was an important step toward healing a wounded region.

Deng realizes how lucky he truly is, not only to have been able to come to America, but also for the opportunity to return to his war-torn home.

"Everyone is trying to go back to the homeland," Deng said. "They are starting to build a new foundation."

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Upon arriving in Vermont, Deng quickly began working his way toward attaining a bachelor's degree in social work.

When this is accomplished, he plans on continuing work with an organization that he helped bring to UVM: the New Sudan Education Initiative (NESEI).

efforts by telling the story of the Sudanese plight. By writing to their friends and family, students from UVM and St. Michael's College hope to raise donations for schools in Sudan.

The second, called the 100 Churches Project, aims to raise money by having Sudanese from around the country share their stories at local

Muslim. "It's just the color. They're different colors."

The crisis in Darfur contributes to a national conflict that has been present in Sudan since the first Civil War began in 1955.

The genocide has developed despite peace agreements between the warring northern and southern parts of Sudan in late 2005.

The mercenary group Janjaweed, alleged by local accounts to have been hired by the government, have tran-

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-Atem Deng, UVM Junior and Sudanese "Lost Boy"

whose ultimate goal is to build schools for southern Sudanese children.

"All of these things like hospitals and schools that human beings need to live are not there," Deng said. "Building schools is another way to bring peace to Sudan."

Last year, when the group was initially formed, it attended a conference in Washington, D.C. to outline specific goals and plan the projects that would aid it in the funding for the schools.

"It's not something that can be done by only two or three people," Deng said. "It's something that necessitates a lot of involvement from both friends and Sudanese."

Currently, NESEI is planning two efforts to substantially increase their support and funding, and to spread the word about the problems facing Sudan.

The first method uses letter writing to increase awareness of the initiative's

churches.

Deng hopes that by pursuing funding at a local level, the group will be able to develop strong connections within the communities that they reach.

"The big thing now is how the NESEI project can be something that we can work for to better the lives of the Sudanese," Deng said.

While southern Sudan focuses on rebuilding, the country at large has become engulfed by the festering destruction in the western region of Darfur.

Officially labeled genocide by the U.S. - though not by the United Nations - the Sudanese government has been waging war against its native people and committing ethnic cleansing.

"These two groups, they have the same culture, the same beliefs and everything," Deng said of the two conflicting parties, who are primarily



Deng stares thoughtfully out of his Living/Learning suite window  
(Stephen R. Hausmann/Vermont Cynic)

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# Poet Laureate visits UVM, discusses spirituality's place in medicine

Donald Hall shares personal poetry and discusses the role of religion in the medical field

BY LIZ PETOW  
Cynic Correspondent

Ira Allen Chapel filled with students, professors and members of the community last Tuesday to watch United States Poet Laureate Donald Hall read his nationally recognized poetry and share his own life experiences.

The lecture, entitled "Poetry, Medicine and the Spirit," was brought to the University by the UVM College of Medicine, which invited Hall to campus for the Templeton Lecture.

The Templeton Lecture is part of a program sponsored by a four-year grant to further the incorporation of spirituality into the study of medicine. Dr. Robert Macauley of the Department of Clinical Ethics organized the lecture and introduced Hall.

Hall is a native of Connecticut and spent most of his later life in rural New Hampshire, where he lived with his late wife, poet Jane Kenyon.

After a successful and award-winning career in writing and publishing (Hall has published 15 books of poetry) the Library of Congress named Hall Poet Laureate last June, two weeks after he accepted UVM's invitation.

As the poet laureate, Hall serves as a consultant of poetry to the Library of Congress, and



Poet Laureate Donald Hall listens to a question from an audience member (Lindsay Tully/Vermont Cynic)

joins the ranks of Robert Frost and most recently, Ted Kooser.

Hall's lecture included readings from his most recent collection of poetry, "White Apples and the Taste of Stone: Selected Poems 1946-2006," which he published in April.

"My own connection with medicine has been cancer and a stroke myself, but my chief connection has been the 15 months I spent taking care of Jane Kenyon with her leukemia," Hall said, referring to his wife who died in 1995. Much of his poetry and comments focused on the death of Kenyon.

Commenting on the subject of the lecture, Hall explained that poetry might be created by "poets

**"You will not reappear,  
tired and satisfied,  
grief's repeated particles  
suffuse the air"**

- Poet Laureate Donald Hall

of spirit and doctrine," like Kenyon.

But Hall is not one of these poets. He identifies himself as a poet "of the spirit, but not doc-

trine."

According to Hall, much of his work "comes from inwardness," and the images of his dreams. His poems, as he described them, "focus on the darkness of the human soul."

On this point, he began to read a selection of poems, including some of Kenyon's works, but soon moved on to his own. He continued to read, transitioning into later poetry, primarily relating to Kenyon's sickness and death.

He comments on Kenyon's medical treatment in "The Ship Pounding": "Each morning I

made my way among gangways, elevators, and nurses' pods to Jane's room to interrogate the grave helpers who tended her through the nights while the ship's massive engines kept its propellers turning."

In "Weeds and Peonies," Hall laments the death of his wife, saying, "you will not reappear, tired and satisfied, grief's repeated particles suffuse the air."

In talking about Kenyon and her death, Hall made many insights into the relationship between poetry, medicine and the spirit.

Hall is not a religious man and said he could not bring himself, "to believe in Paradise," even after Kenyon's death. He does see, however, the spirituality in medicine. He calls the profession one that "attracts people or changes the people it attracts into creatures of remarkable intellect, sympathy and empathy."

Poetry has been a significant emotional aspect of Hall's life, especially after Kenyon's death.

"I don't know how I would have stood [Kenyon's death] without poetry," He explained that each time he wrote, "I was happy because I was talking to her." He was surviving with the art he and his wife loved.

Hall's writing has slowed down since his appointment as poet laureate though, and he said he has very little time to devote to writing at the moment.

Still, Hall will have work published in The New Yorker soon, and plans to record his poetry for XM radio.

## Music historian leaves no detail of rock unturned

Barry Drake delves into the good, bad and ugly of 1970s rock 'n' roll

By MEREDITH RIVLIN  
Senior Staff Writer

Music is used for many students as an escape from studies. For Barry Drake, music is his study.

Is it possible to get a masters in "rock 'n' roll-ology?" There is no shame in a little self-promotion, so amidst the singer/songwriters portion of his media presentation (including Cat Stevens, Van Morrison, and Crosby, Stills and Nash), was video footage of a young, mellow Drake digging the 70s vibe.

The Program Board brought Drake and his wealth of rock 'n' roll knowledge to UVM's CC Theater Friday, Oct. 27 for a lecture called "70's Rock: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly."

He considered the music of this decade not as backlash of the 60s, but instead as means of expression connected to the politics of the 70s.

Beginning his lecture as the decade itself began with the disbanding of The Beatles, Drake shared samples of each Beatle's solo attempt over a backdrop of photographs as well as interview

clips from George Harrison and John Lennon.

As Drake moved on to hard rock, his focus was primarily of bands generated in England like The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and The Who, accompanied by a clip of a live performance of "Won't Get Fooled Again," a song of "political disillusionment," according to Drake.

On the other end of the rock scale were the singers/songwriters like James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Elton John, Linda Ronstadt and Neil Young.

According to Drake, Young didn't let his solo music status affect the manner in which he played his music. The key to playing good rock 'n' roll, according to Young is to "rock them as hard as you can till they're almost at orgasm ... then rock them twice as hard."

The 70s also saw the emergence of American Roots rock, Southern Rock and the androgynous Glam rock that, according

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roll-ology?"**

to an interview with a young David Bowie, "put the sex back in rock 'n' roll."

The music of this decade was angst ridden. That's where early heavy metal came in—pri-

marily with Black Sabbath as an outlet—for the youth who were sick of glitter and glam.

The art rock genre consisted of "classically trained [musicians] who decided to throw it all away to play rock 'n' roll," Drake said. He included artists like Genesis, Jethro Tull, Electric Light Orchestra and Pink Floyd under this label.

Rock 'n' roll, which started out as a subculture, turned into the mainstream. But what is a decade without its subcultures? Soon Reggae traveled up from Jamaica, though Drake only focused on Bob Marley and Jimmy Cliff—only two of several artists in the immensely genre.

According to Drake, what came next—but which is up for debate—was the conception of punk by the Ramones at CBGB's. Drake considered this genre as an "anti-establishment music scene" but failed to mention Iggy Pop, Lou Reed or Television. Instead, he focused, as so many do, on the eccentric Sex Pistols.

It has never been agreed upon that all music within a decade has been good music; hence the "Bad" in the presentation's title. For in the 70s, there was disco. Adored by dance club enthusiasts and hated by most other musicians, disco is a genre that cannot be forgotten or excluded from this decade.

With the rise of the "faceless



Barry Drake explains where John Lennon belongs in the history of rock 'n' roll (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

bands" and corporate rock as well as the "late 70s superstars" like The Eagles and Bruce Springsteen, came new wave music, which incorporated a "love and respect for traditional rock and roll," Drake said. Elvis Costello, Devo and The Police brought their own individual spin on rock 'n' roll and continued into the 80s and the music video age.

Many people forget that while the fans of these particular bands throughout this decade age, so do the artists. In an interview, a post-Beatles John Lennon explained that he was writing his songs for fans he had ten years

earlier but who had grown up along with him.

Drake didn't let the size (or lack thereof) of his audience get him down. As an award-winning rock 'n' roll "campus-lecturer," he is used to crowds of all sizes and backgrounds.

How did Drake get all of his knowledge? He went to concerts and bought records just like the youth of other decades, according to his Web site. He was driven by his passion for playing the music as well as teaching others about it.

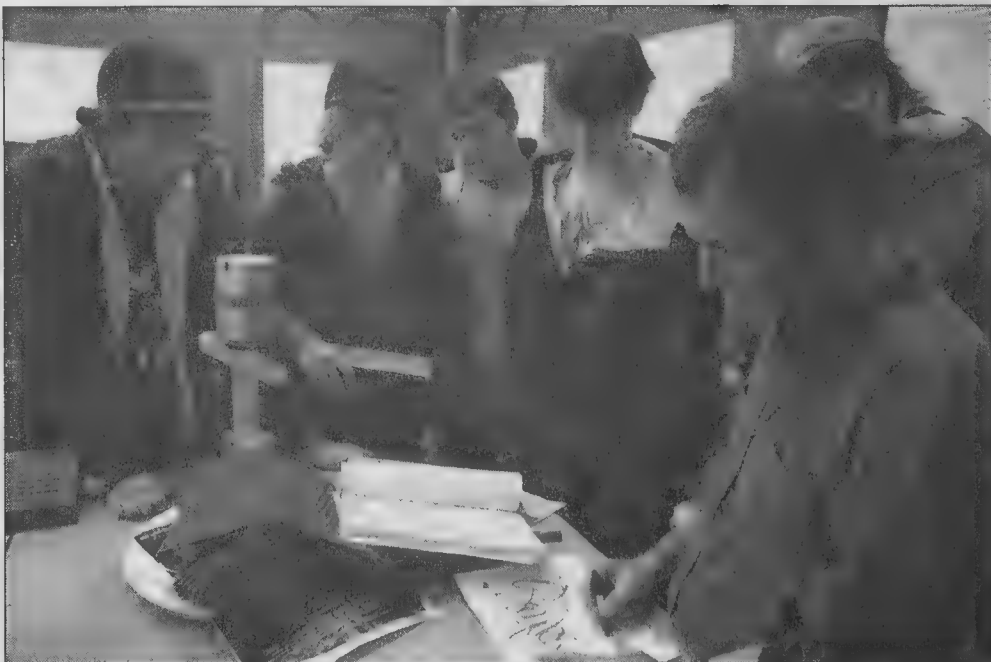
If only classroom lectures excited students as easily.



# Zephyr: Up in Burlington



Zephyr leaves something behind in Burlington (Dave Sachs/Vermont Cynic)



Zephyr adorns paper with his infamous tag (Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

**A recent visit by a famous graffitiist sparks questions about the bombing phenomenon and where—if anywhere—it belongs**

## STAFF REPORT

As we trample down Burlington's train tracks in the dark, it is clear that Zephyr does this often. The deftness with which he puts up his tag makes it apparent that he has plenty of experience in the art of "bombing."

"I'm not particularly proud of my art, I just doodle and noodle or whatever..." Zephyr said humbly. "I'm definitely as self-motivated as you would expect a graffiti writer to be."

Zephyr, a.k.a. Andrew Witten, has been writing graffiti for the past 30 years. In the 1980s he attained international fame as

**Graffiti has spread beyond the landscapes of America to an international palette**

part of the "graffiti-art" wave, while he secured regional infamy painting his name on New York subway trains.

The streets and galleries have given Zephyr a unique perspective of graffiti culture, which he discussed on Oct. 25 in a packed Williams classroom. His multimedia presentation touched on aspects of graffiti's evolution and ethical culture, which would

prove to be a sensitive issue that evening.

After opening the lecture up to questions from the audience, Zephyr was asked by UVM professor Frank Owen his thoughts regarding the health issues surrounding graffiti removal, which often requires the use of harmful chemicals.

Zephyr responded, saying, "We have our job and they have theirs." He attempted to field another question but Owen was dissatisfied, citing academic discourse as the reason for the graffitiist's visit.

To this, Zephyr replied, "I am here for academic discourse but what is taking place here is academic discord." The audience applauded.

This exchange evokes a long-standing question about the ethics of graffiti: is it a criminal act or artistic expression? Can it exist as both?

If Zephyr had his way every artist in the world would be able to sustain himself solely from his art. "I always think it's sad when artists can't pursue their creative endeavors because they're 'working for the man,'" he said. "[It] not only prevents them from being in the studio but it also sucks the creative impulses right out of a person."

Owen, a long-time artist and former New York City resident, has been offended by graffiti since its inception. "It [was] like dirty water rose up to a certain level, then drained away, and left graffiti in its place," he said of the emergent graffiti of the 1970s.

"Everything got coated with a kind of ... bath tub rim of mark-making that just went all around the city ... and it just looked like crap."

The wide spread of graffiti to which Owen refers came about, in part, as a result of the decrepit living conditions that plagued New York in the late 60s and mid 70s as poor city planning created massive urban decay. Graffiti became reclamation by urban youth of their neighborhood.

Rather than faulting poor living conditions for graffiti's expansion, Owen contends it is graffiti that perpetuates urban decline. "[If] somebody comes along and tags [your house] and then their buddies tag it ... the value of your property is diminished immediately," Owen said. This has a huge impact on a lot of poor people and I didn't hear Zephyr talking about that at all.

"If you're a poor homeowner [and] somebody comes along and

tags [your house] and then their buddies tag it ... the value of your property is diminished

**"I am here for academic discourse but what is taking place here is academic discord"**

-Graffiti Artist Zephyr

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Zephyr's anxieties deal not with the legal or economic aspect, but with the take-over of graffiti by corporate advertisers.

Mark Ecko and others have brought graffiti into the mainstream as a marketing device, and Nike has offered Zephyr multiple opportunities to work for them,

which Zephyr says he turned down because of "questionable labor practices."

"Today, it's the largeness of the cooption of the culture ... that makes me nervous because there's no personal synergy between the artist and the art department that's hiring the artist, to basically shill the corporation," Zephyr said.

Zephyr acknowledged that he is, however, accountable for much of that cooption. "The decisions I made in the 80s were the decisions of a hungry 20-year-old. I have some regrets," he admitted, "but I think I'm making up for it now because I feel I've gone back more to the roots of just doing graffiti for graffiti's sake...not for some kind of dollar."

But for Owen, graffiti for graffiti's sake is not a positive facet of the culture.

"[Zephyr] stood there and encouraged people in the audience to go into Burlington and Vermont and 'get busy,'" Owen said.

If a student at the University of Vermont is the least bit environmentally sensitive they would reject that out of hand.

"What pisses me off as much as anything is the idea that Zephyr was announcing that he's entitled—and all writers are—entitled to paint trains and paint walls."

Back on the dark tracks, while he passed a school wall swathed in tags, Zephyr commented that he found it unfortunate that some people feel licensed to write on school walls.

Perhaps Zephyr and Owen do not remain on opposite sides of the track after all.



The artist at work (Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

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# Small crowd, big laughs

**Comedian Morgan Murphy tells "zingers" over "mocktails" at Billings Lounge**

By CASEY PALMER  
Cynic Correspondent

Even though comedian Morgan Murphy has been featured on "Crank Yankers" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live," it seemed that the party scene on "Thirsty Thursday" took precedence over giving decent stand-up comedy a chance. Only about 40 guests attended Murphy's comedic performance at Billings Thursday night.

Nevertheless, the UVM Program Board attempted to create an atmosphere in Billings similar to that of the Comedy Cellar in New York City. There were round tables with black or red tablecloths, candles ablaze

lar to MTV's "Daria" with its low drone that's always set at the perfect pitch to enhance sarcasm.

After a few jokes, Murphy commented on the new availability of Facebook to members of the non-college student public.

"I think I'm going to join it, pretend I'm in college, and start leaving messages on people's walls telling them to come to room 324 for Grey's Anatomy." Soon after, Murphy quipped that through her Myspace account she

**Murphy said while working out at the gym, she "witnessed a woman lie about her age ... to a treadmill"**

has realized that everyone in the world is part of a band.

Discussing the value of personal appearance in her hometown of Los Angeles, Murphy



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)  
Morgan Murphy keeps a straight face at a faux comedy club atmosphere in Billings

next to pretzel bowls in the center, and a beverage list containing three "mocktails": Shirley Temple, Sangria and Baby Bellini.

Mr. Shopping, the opening band, was as a mix between jazz/rock/what is going on/experimental. The minor headaches passed just as Murphy took stage with a mocktail in hand and a bulky winter hat.

"How's everyone doing tonight? Me, I'm on my ninth mocktail, and I'm going crazy" Murphy said. One immediately notices her voice, distinctly simi-

said while working out at the gym, she "witnessed a woman lie about her age ... to a treadmill."

She then went on to argue for the legitimacy of getting out of your car after hitting a dog and saying "Yo, why you all up in my grill, dog?"

Surprisingly, Murphy was exceptionally talented when it came to keeping a straight face after delivering her punch lines. Her delivery was rapid, but the audience had time to exude rolls of laughter without having to worry about missing the next joke.

Later, Murphy targeted a

## Critical thinking: musical musings



**Pussy Cats Starring The Walkmen** (Record Collection)  
The Walkmen

The world seems to be appreciating John Lennon all over again. A new movie and CD bearing the legend's name are gracing popular culture, and now The Walkmen have recorded a cover album of the Harry Nilsson/Lennon joint cover album, "Pussy Cats." A cover of a cover: What's next, Lennon-O's cereal? I'd eat them.

The Walkmen's version of "Pussy Cats" is faithful to the 1974 version, but it too easily falls into the trap of novelty to which cover albums often fall victim. Hamilton Leithauser's vocals sound perfectly strained, reminiscent of Nilsson's damaged voice (Nilsson ruptured his vocal cords recording "Pussy Cats") on the original cover—an oxymoron?

The Walkmen copy the album so perfectly that it begs the question: "Why not just throw on the original vinyl?"

Aside from the usual problems facing cover albums, The Walkmen do an outstanding job capturing the acidic, almost wacky feel of the classic.

Ranging in moods from the delicate, piano-laced "Don't Forget Me" to the drugged up hysteria of "Loop De Loop," The Walkmen catapult into the mid-70s and find their niche perfectly.

If one can look past the irksome idea of a cover album, "Pussy Cats" will deliver a journey back to the party that was the 1970s. But The Walkmen have every right to copy Lennon and Nilsson's work: In the immortal words of Lennon himself, "Music is everybody's possession. It's only publishers who think that people own it."

—STEPHEN R. HAUSMANN



**AOI Presents The Impossible Mission** (Red Lion Entertainment)  
De La Soul

Don't fret, the dry spell is over. The anticipated finale to the Art Official Intelligence (AOI) trilogy, from the hip-hop trio De La Soul, has arrived.

The new mixtape is a compilation of a few old unreleased gems by Soul members Posdnuos, Dave and Maseo, featuring quality freestyles and new songs—some produced by Supa Dave West and OH NO. Skits and commentary suggesting the trio's contemporary 80s and 90s mindset are also scattered throughout the archive.

The three "What the f\*ck" tracks are tributes to the old De La days, the first being a cut from the 1991 release "De La Soul is Dead." Though a classic beat invoking Jackson 5, Pos is humble as he concludes his "flow was still baking in the oven."

The second was originally called "Mindstate," from De La's 1993 album "Buhloone Mindstate," which was never intended to appear on the album; the band apparently made it to upset the executives at their old label, Tommy Boy. "We wanted them to think we were on some crazy sh-t," Dave says of the goofy lyrics from the song.

Even the Kanye West-produced "The Corner" made it onto the disc this go-around, with new verses from De La.

This mixtape is a quality listen that will surprise you with new sounds, and take you back to old ones, lending to the creed that anything De La (or of the) Soul will never die.

—LILY BOTTINO



**The Black Parade** (Reprise/Wea)  
My Chemical Romance

When I first received this CD I thought, "How very My Chemical Romance of them to have a drawing of The Black Parade on the outside album jacket complete with skeletons, demons and a creepy bald guy in a nightgown." It has no words, no titles, and the drawing will give kids nightmares for weeks.

The first sound on the entire album is a heart monitor followed closely by an acoustic guitar, sounding like a softer MCR, instilling the notion that they have changed their sound.

It turned out that the intro was just a prelude to something very, very good.

"The Black Parade" is one of the best albums to have been released by a hardcore-punk band in a long time. Their sound has changed since "I Brought You Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love," which contained elements of screamo-punk, and their second album, "Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge" which depicted a more depressing side of life. Their sound now smoothly and happily fits into both the rock and punk categories with electric guitar solos which may appeal to a wider audience.

Their lyrics however, contain the same themes of death and dying as well as bitterness and anger towards relationships and love in general. Words like "séances," "blood," "death," and "beating hearts," are in line with the band's love of darkness and fantasy-horror stories.

This band of Jersey boys has done their state proud.

—JORDAN THORSON

table of three UVM seniors sitting closest to the stage, asking them about their majors and future aspirations. One of the students revealed his desire to work

**"I discovered irony when I was 7 years old, which is when my mom started beating me ... with my own trophies"**

—Comedian Morgan Murphy

for the border control, to which Murphy abruptly labeled him the "night-vision goggle immigrant catcher."

Murphy, who has earned a

degree in English, said, "I discovered irony when I was seven years old, which is when my mom started beating me ... with my own trophies. Confusing, right?"

At one point, Murphy made a comment about environmentally safe vehicles, and the crowd clapped with approval. "No, electric cars don't work. I was in the garage for 10 hours the other day trying to kill myself," Murphy said. "Then the battery died. I was jealous."

Murphy was received well, at least by those who attended. "It was hilarious, even her voice was hilarious," freshman Julia Cicchetti said. "It was a pretty small turn-out, I felt bad."

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## ECO-MIND

### Vermont's energy future- Where will we end up?

By COREY BERMAN

Kudos to professor Richard Watts for putting together a wonderful speaker series in his ENVS 195 course, Energy & The Environment.

Two weeks into the series, students and community members have been graced by such industry notables as the director of planning for the Department of Public Service, the director of communications for Green Mountain Power, a lawyer representing the tough Conservation Law Foundation and Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC) directors Blair Hamilton and Beth Sachs.

As a teaching tool Watts has let students jump right in, or rather, has *pulled* them into the hard-fought debate of what is to become of Vermont's energy choices.

With Vermont Yankee's nuclear license under review, and plans for decreased power from Hydro-Quebec, the students in Watts' class are getting a first-hand look at how difficult energy choices can be.

The first session pitted James Moore from Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) against Dorothy Schnure from Green Mountain Power, in a battle of future vision. Moore's idea calls for Vermont to put an end to dangerous nuclear waste, as well as relying on power from miles

away in Quebec.

Moore would like to see a vast increase in wind generated power and plenty of small contributions from such sources as landfill methane gas, CVPS cow power and a plethora of smaller, independent power producers.

While avoiding overconfidence of reaching VPIRG's goal of replacing the more than 60 percent of power that comes from VT Yankee and Hydro-Quebec,

***"GMP has placed a great deal of importance on fighting global warming and it's their view that nuclear is the way to go in the battle"***

he does fight the good fight and tells the young, impressionable students what they want to hear.

Schnure, on the other hand, sees VT Yankee as no problem and stresses the importance of its non-emission of greenhouse gases. According to Schnure, GMP has placed a great deal of importance on fighting global warming and it's their view that use of nuclear power is the way fight the battle.

She also stressed Green

Mountain Power's development of the Searsburg wind farm and says the company supports renewable, clean power. However, the price for nuclear power these days just can't be beat.

The consummate politician, Riley Allen of Vermont's Department of Public Service stayed true to the course in stressing that Vermont diversify its energy portfolio and was quick to point out Vermont's "comparative advantage" when it comes to energy choice.

With a goal of a 35 percent in-state generation, Allen did a good job of navigating two sides that seem so distant.

Far from over, the speaker series continues for another few weeks with representatives from the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, proponents of wind power and Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie scheduled to appear, this is one class that is truly a slice of real life.

*Corey Berman works in the Recycling and Solid Waste Office. He is also a student.*

*ECO-MIND is a weekly column on environmental issues at UVM organized by the UVM Environmental Council. If you are interested in suggesting a topic or contributing a column, contact environmental.council@uvm.edu*

## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Broken iPod forces interaction with others, awareness of surroundings

On Thursday, Oct. 26, Richard Sterling was walking to his English senior seminar entitled "Theoretical Loopholes in Theories on Jacques Lacan's Theories" when his iPod broke.

At first, Sterling suspected that it had just frozen up and he attempted to restart it by simultaneously pressing the center and menu buttons.

When that failed, he realized he was in serious trouble.

"I started to really panic," Sterling said. "The sky seemed to darken and things felt a lot less happy. It was right then when I heard really, really distant voices in my head. I could faintly hear them saying 'hi' and 'what's up.'"

Sterling said that he initially attempted to drown out the voices by continuing to sing the Modest Mouse song he had been listening to, but he forgot the words and lost the rhythm.

Sterling turned the iPod over and over in his hands in a way that one psychology professor described as "a perfect example of utter cognitive dissonance."

Upon closer investigation, Sterling noted a crack running through the screen of his iPod. "I have no idea how this got here," he said. "Maybe I was rocking out too hard."

An exhaustive *Cynic* investigation that included various

measurements and field tests concluded that Sterling's black pants were simply too tight to support a working iPod.

While Sterling stood in disbelief on the campus green, he looked up and saw something he had never seen before. "It was weird. It was a green and white sign that said UVM was founded in 1791. I had never seen it before; I guess they put it up recently," he said.

After he thought about the age of the University, Sterling pressed on to class despite his mental state. As he walked, Sterling passed by a few of his friends who he said he had "never seen on campus before."

Sterling said that the words were slow to exit his mouth but he was able to mutter "hi" and "what's up."

***"The sky seemed to darken and things felt a lot less happy. It was right then when I heard really, really distant voices in my head."***

*-Richard Sterling*

After class ended, Sterling shuffled through the fallen leaves and said he noticed for the first time that there were birds in Burlington.

Though Sterling said he learned a lot from his music-less afternoon, he had his parents order him a new iPod that arrived overnight.

Sterling made no comment when asked for a follow up interview as he left Cook Commons.

**Not News For Next Week:  
Male Sophomore  
Dismayed to Learn Wave  
From Cute Girl Actually Not  
Directed at Him**

## Peter Welch for U.S. Congress

Dear UVM Community,

Peter Welch has served Vermont well as a state senator and as the President Pro Tem of the Vermont Senate. He was the first Democrat ever elected Pro Tem, receiving unanimous support to lead the Senate from both Democrats and Republicans.

We believe it is vital that Vermont's next Representative in Congress be a strong and experienced voice for health care for all, for environmental stewardship, for a woman's right to choose, and for restoring funding for vital student assistance programs. We believe we must have a voice which will speak out for ending the war in Iraq and for reversing tax breaks given to the wealthiest one percent of Americans.

We also believe it is vital that Vermont's next Representative in Congress vote for new leadership in the House that will put an end to six years of rubber-stamping the Bush agenda. We strongly believe Congress must once again take up its Constitutional duty to act as a check and balance on the President and his administration, and to investigate honestly and openly the corruption which seems to be imbedded in the current one-party rule in Washington.

For these reasons, and many more, we believe it is essential that Vermont voters send Peter Welch to the U.S. Congress.

**Please join us in voting for Peter Welch on November 7th.**

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
7:00p.m.  
Patrick Gym

**FAIR TRADE FAIR**  
10:00a.m.- 2:00p.m.  
Billings North Lounge B300

**LECTURE**  
3:00p.m.- 5:00p.m.  
Billings Marsh Lounge  
"Aboriginal Relations in  
Australia: Seeking  
Environmental and Social  
Justice from the Native Title  
Process," Professor Ciaran  
O'Faircheailligh, Griffith  
University

**LOCAL FOODS POTLUCK**  
7:00p.m.- 9:00p.m.  
Billings North Lounge B300

**NOVEMBER 1  
2006**

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
1:00p.m.  
Centennial Field

**YOGA**  
12:00p.m.- 1:00p.m.  
Billings Martin Luther King  
Lounge I110

**AIS LECTURE**  
12:15p.m.- 1:15p.m.  
Old Mill John Dewey Lounge  
325

**NATIVE HERITAGE  
MONTH**  
1:00p.m.- 12:00a.m.  
Billings Apse B307 & Redstone  
Green  
Opening Ceremonies

**NESEI GENOCIDE IN  
SUDAN SPEECH AND  
MOVIE**  
7:00p.m.- 9:00p.m.  
Lafayette Hall L108  
Speech by Sudanese refugee  
about genocide. Will be followed  
by a short film

**MACBETH**  
7:30p.m.- 10:30p.m.  
Royall Tyler Theater  
The Scottish play arrives to  
haunt the Royall Tyler Theater  
Admission: \$7- 17

**FRENCH FILM SERIES**  
7:30p.m.- 10:00p.m.  
L/L Commons 216

**NOVEMBER 2  
2006**

**KIMONO  
DEMONSTRATION**  
3:30p.m.- 4:30p.m.  
L/L B B180

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
10:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.  
Bailey/Howe  
Register to Vote!

**U.S. ARMY JAZZ BAND**  
2:00p.m.- 3:30p.m.  
Music Building Recital Hall  
U.S. Army Jazz Band Concert

**AMANI WHITFIELD  
BOOK SIGNING**  
4:00p.m.- 5:30p.m.  
L/L Fireplace Lounge

**LECTURE**  
4:00p.m.- 7:00p.m.  
Waterman Memorial Lounge  
338  
"Giving Our Common Humanity  
a Chance: The Price of Social  
Marginalization- Disability as a  
Test Case"

**STORMSHOW STUDIOS  
TRIAL & AIR PREMIERE**  
6:00p.m.- 11:00p.m.  
CC Theater I101  
Straight out of Jackson Hole,  
WY, Stormshow Studios pres-  
ents Trial & Air

**GLOBALIZATION,  
IMMIGRATION, & WAR**  
6:00p.m.- 10:00p.m.  
Billings North Lounge B300  
Nativo Lopez and Sameer  
Dosani speak on Globalization,  
Immigration, & War

**NO BOUNDARIES:  
FILM NIGHT**  
6:00p.m.- 9:00p.m.  
L/L Commons 216  
Provocative, thought-provoking,  
and meaningful films that  
explore aspects of the human  
condition

**MACBETH**  
7:30p.m.- 10:30p.m.  
Royall Tyler Theater  
The Scottish play arrives to  
haunt the Royall Tyler Theater  
Admission: \$7- 17

**RYTHM & BREWS  
COFFEEHOUSE**  
9:00p.m.- 11:00p.m.  
L/L Fireplace Lounge

**NOVEMBER 3  
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**JAPANESE HOUSE  
MOVIE NIGHT**  
5:00p.m.- 10:00p.m.  
L/L Commons 315

**FRENCH CHAMBER  
ORCHESTRA & PAUL  
BADURA-SKODA**  
7:30p.m.- 10:00p.m.  
Music Building Recital Hall  
Admission: \$30 Students, \$35  
Adults

**MACBETH**  
7:30p.m.- 10:30p.m.  
Royall Tyler Theater  
The Scottish play arrives to  
haunt the Royall Tyler Theater  
Admission: \$7- 17

**UPB'S BINGO NIGHT**  
9:00p.m.- 11:45p.m.  
Billings North Lounge B300

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**  
7:00p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse

**NOVEMBER 4  
2006**

**SATURDAY NIGHT FILMS**  
7:00p.m.- 1:00a.m.  
CC Theater I101  
"Clerks 2"

**MACBETH**  
7:30p.m.- 10:30p.m.  
Royall Tyler Theater  
The Scottish play arrives to  
haunt the Royall Tyler Theater  
Admission: \$7- 17

**"PROM AGAIN"  
SOPHOMORE CLASS  
DANCE**

8:00p.m.- 2:00a.m.  
Billings North Lounge B300

**DANCE/Drag SHOW**  
8:00p.m.- 1:00a.m.  
L/L Commons 315

**SWIMMING**  
12:00p.m.  
Forbush Natatorium

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
3:00p.m.  
Patrick Gym

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
5:00p.m.  
Patrick Gym

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**  
7:00p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse

**NOVEMBER 5  
2006**

**MEN'S HOCKEY**  
4:00p.m.  
Gutterson Fieldhouse

**NOVEMBER 6  
2006**

**VOTER REGISTRATION**  
10:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.  
Bailey/Howe  
Register to Vote!

**YOGA**  
12:00p.m.- 1:00p.m.  
Billings Martin Luther King  
Lounge I101

**AMERICAN PICTURES**  
7:00p.m.- 11:30p.m.  
Ira Allen Chapel

# Bernie Sanders for U.S. Senate

The United States, today, faces a crossroad. The Bush administration in Washington, along with the Republican Congress, has embarked upon a war in Iraq that wreaks destruction and seemingly has no end. The Bush administration wants to erode and ultimately rescind a woman's right to choose. Neither the President nor the Republican Chair of the Senate Environment Committee acknowledge that global warming threatens our future. George W. Bush has cut programs for students, for children, for the poor and disadvantaged - all so his administration can give extremely large tax breaks to the wealthy.

We believe that it is important to elect Bernie Sanders to the U.S. Senate. Bernie has fought over the past sixteen years, in the Congress, for peace and social justice. He voted against going to war in Iraq. He supports a woman's right to choose. He has a 100% pro-environment voting record. He strongly supports not only more money for student loans, but more scholarships for college students, so that no one need graduate with a huge debt burden. He believes health care should be provided to all, as a right of citizenship. He is a strong defender of our civil liberties.

We support Bernie Sanders in his campaign to become the next Senator from Vermont. Please join us in voting for Bernie Sanders on November 7.

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## WISE CRACKS

MAX WISE  
STAFF WRITERWhy would Tiki  
torch his career?

Earlier this week New York Giants' running back Tiki Barber announced that he would be retiring at the season's end. What could compel one of the league's most productive and popular backs to retire at the age of 31? In one word: pain.

When a running back is handed the ball, he instantly becomes the target for all 11 defensive players, all of whom are looking to get onto SportCenter's Top 10 with bone rattling hits.

A running back will carry the ball between 20-35 times per game, for sixteen games a season. The pain that results from being manhandled by enormous men doesn't fade quickly. The pain becomes cumulative, which means a ten-year veteran like Barber spends his days still feeling the punishment he took last week, the week before, and even the hits from last season.

Many running backs complain that they can barely walk Monday mornings. Retired backs are always commenting on the permanent damage that playing football for years has caused them. The truth is today's game is even more dangerous for offensive players than it ever has been, and the danger only grows with each season.

Today's players are stronger and faster than they have ever been before. If you're looking for the definition of "freak athleticism," just take a look at today's average defensive end. The man probably weighs about 300 pounds and could out-sprint 90 percent of UVM students. All of this weight and speed is focused on moving bodies in order to inflict maximum hurt upon quarterbacks, running backs and receivers, and when they get their chance they hold nothing back.

One of the defensive ends that is most hazardous to the health of his opponents is the Panthers' Julius Peppers. Peppers boasts a 4.5 second 40-yard dash, a 37.5-inch vertical leap and an amazing 9 percent body fat to complement his 283-pound body. I mean, he even made the NCAA Basketball Final Four with UNC in 2000.

Oakland's Warren Sapp is another example. During a game in which he was playing with the Buccaneers, one of his teammates caught an interception, immediately turning Sapp into a blocker. Chad Clifton, an offensive tackle for Sapp's opponents, the Packers, was on the end of a blind side block from Sapp. As a result of the hit Clifton suffered a severe pelvic injury, so severe that his surgeons claimed that the injury resembled that received in a car crash.

With players gaining more and more raw strength every season, the degree of danger and pain players receive climbs ever higher. No less than four starting quarterbacks have left games this season with concussions. A player must understand every time he steps out onto the field he is risking his health. So maybe Barber's decision isn't so strange, after all, who wants to be hit by a car every week?

## NFL week nine predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

## Game of the Week

**Indianapolis at New England** – The classic matchup that has brought so many great game in the past will not disappoint this year. The Colts Peyton Manning has made it his quest to be able to win in Foxboro in the cold.

Indy is a generally bad cold weather team but behind Manning anything is possible especially this season when the Pats are not what they were in the past. New England's Tom Brady is still one of the best QBs in the league but he cannot carry the entire team on his shoulders. Without help from his teammates Brady will not be able to hand the Colts their first loss of the season. Final 32-27 Indianapolis.

## Best of the Rest

**Kansas City at St. Louis** – The Rams will look to rebound after a tough loss to the Chargers while the Chiefs will look to ride the wave of emotion after knocking off Seattle. The combination of QB Damon Huard and RB Larry Johnson will be too much for St. Louis. Final 32-24 Kansas City.

**Houston at NY Giants** – Houston will not be able to stand up to the Giants. New York is more skilled

on offense and defense and will blitz right over the helpless Texans. Final 34-17 New York.

**Tennessee at Jacksonville** – The Jaguars showed last week why they are considered one of the top defensive teams when they held the Eagles to only six points. Against the Titans they will focus all of their efforts on stopping rookie QB Vince Young who will struggle mightily against Jacksonville's great speed. Final 24-10 Jacksonville

**New Orleans at Tampa Bay** – The Saints will look to win a hugely important divisional battle. Playing in Tampa Bay is not easy and it is made even harder because of the Bucs stout D. But with QB Drew Brees and rookie Reggie Bush leading the way, New Orleans will come out on top. Final 27-20 New Orleans.

**Dallas at Washington** – The rapport between new QB Tony Romo and WR Terrell Owens grows every week and this will be impossible for the struggling Redskins defense to stop. The Dallas team is a testament to incredible coaching prowess of Bill Parcells. Final 24-10 Dallas.

**Miami at Chicago** – The Dolphins have one of the toughest assignments in football this week: go to Chicago and not loose by 30

points. If they play the way they have of late in Soldier Field, there is no team in the league that can beat the Bears at home. Final 38-13 Chicago.

**Green Bay at Buffalo** – QB Brett Favre is still the best cold weather quarterback in the league and arguably the best in history. The Bills will be coming off their bye week looking to get back on the winning track but will get rocked at home by Farve and his cheeseheads. Final 27-13 Green Bay.

**Cincinnati at Baltimore** – The Bengals have been struggling of late and will continue in Baltimore where they will face one of the fiercest defenses in the league. The Ravens have questions of their own, especially on the offensive side of the ball. This will be a very tight game but Cincinnati will come out on top of their division rival. Final 24-20 Baltimore.

**Atlanta at Detroit** – Electric QB Michael Vick has been on fire passing the ball the last two weeks and will not slow down against the Lions. The only change in Vick will be that he will have the opportunity to run the ball as well as throw. Detroit is in for a serious shock in this game. Final 35-20 Atlanta.

**Minnesota at San Francisco**

– The 49ers will look to rebound after being bum rushed in Chicago last week. With the Vikings coming into town they will have to regroup quickly. Minnesota plays a very similar style to the Bears and they will get the same result against San Francisco. Final 27-10 Minnesota.

**Cleveland at San Diego** – This is a great matchup for the worn down Chargers who will relish the opportunity to beat down the lowly Browns. Not only will it be a chance for a fun game in front of the home crowd it will also be a chance to rest their stars before the home stretch of the season. Final 27-13 San Diego.

**Denver at Pittsburgh** – Both teams are coming off hard losses but the Broncos defense is very tough and will give the Steelers fits along with handing them their third consecutive loss. Final 20-13 Denver.

## Upset Special

**Oakland at Seattle** – The Raiders have begun to turn their season around with two straight wins while the Seahawks have looked terrible in losing two games in row. These trends will continue when the two teams clash in Seattle. Final 20-17 Oakland.

**\*Overall Record 61-29**

## Winter sparked by rail jam

Over 100 gather for  
ski and snowboard  
competitionBy JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

In the flat light of a cold, rainy evening, the University of Vermont snowboard team set up for their first on-campus rail jam of the season. A mountain of hockey rink snow lay in a pile outside the Christie-Wright-Patterson Complex as more than 20 people began to transform the green into a snowboard haven.

Representatives from Sugarbush Mountain Resort secured a man-made, wooden drop-in to the top of their truck and packed the steep slope with snow as members of the UVMST moved snow down the hill to make a landing for the 24-foot handrail.

Less than an hour later, the sun had set and more than 100 people had congregated on the green with at least 30 fully equipped and ready to compete under the flood lights.

Not only were many people present with their skis and snowboards but, in the Halloween spirit, many people were decked out in costumes ranging from giant bananas to Tigger for the costume contest later in the evening.

Patrick Cassidy, the coach of the UVMST, was arranged underneath a tent between the two rail set ups, DJing the event as well as announcing the start of the preliminary competition. Spectators lined both sides of the

24-foot rail as countless skiers and snowboarders dropped from the top of the truck to spin and twirl onto the rail.

"As one of our first on campus events this season, this was a great way to get our name out there and let people know what we're all about," Cassidy said.

The skiers and riders wowed the crowd with tricks such as 270 spins, boardslides, 50-50s and ski-

**"Our goal for this rail jam was to show UVM the most legit set up and most snow in an on campus rail jam, which we did, unquestionably."**  
-Patrick Cassidy

grinds. Equally as entertaining as the competitors who stayed on the rail for all 24 feet, were those who slipped off and did what has fondly come to be known as butt-

presses, chest-grinds, or whatever other part of the body came into contact with the rail.

Contestants ranged from members of UVM's own snowboard team, to members of the 802 Snow and Skate team, to people featured in the local snowboard movie "Trash Attack".

The only two females stepping up to the 24 foot rail, sophomore Celia Grace, and freshman Laura Rogoski, both members of the UVMST, put on a great show for the crowd with really solid tricks. Grace won first place while second place went to Rogoski. Both girls were hooked up with new boards from 802 for their runs.

For the male contingent of the competition, first place was dominated by Sky Gale who was featured in "Trash Attack." Second place was awarded to UVM freshman John Murphy of the UVMST for his 270 on and 270 off the rail that sent sparks flying in the audience as well as off the metal. Vermont freshman Jesse Curran of UVMST received

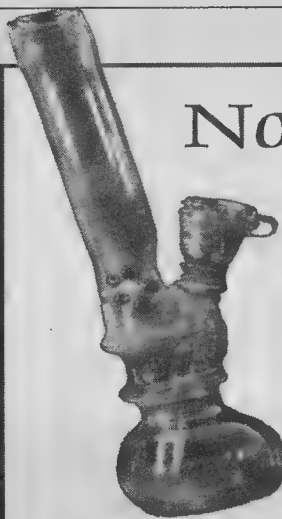
third place for his front boardslide with a 270 out, proving why he was featured in East Coast Snowboarder magazine.

"It got me pretty amped to be riding this early in the season," Murphy said. "The rail jam was put together really well by UVM and it was great to see all the snow. I can only hope we get a season full of powder so we can keep this sort of thing up."

At more than triple the size of last year, the UVMST is looking strong at the beginning of the season. Besides an increased competition schedule that includes a new collegiate snowboard series, the team is planning on hosting rail jams, movie premiers and other events on campus all year long.

"There have been lots of rail jams on campus with sketchy set ups and not enough snow," Cassidy said. "They really didn't allow for much progression and were barely put together. Our goal for this rail jam was to show UVM the most legit set up and most snow in an on campus rail jam, which we did, unquestionably."

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# Women's hockey wins first game of the season

## Dominating first period drive Cats to victory

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

The Catamounts dominated Sacred Heart 6-2 in the women's hockey home opener Friday at Gutterson Fieldhouse for their first win of the season.

Both teams came out strong and it was Sacred Heart's Whitney Dziana who scored the first goal off a rebound from Vermont goalkeeper Shivaun Siegl's pads in the third minute of play. Dziana's goal was assisted by Devon Kittredge and gave the Pioneers the early 1-0 lead.

Sacred Heart's lead was short lived however, as Cats sophomore Sarah Smiddy put a hard slap shot past Pioneer goalie Stephanie Boulay after passes from juniors Kate Lesniak and Kristi Anderson less than four minutes later.

The Cat's increased their lead when freshman Chelsea Furlani, assisted by juniors Frankie Williams and Karen Sentoff, scored at the 3:39 mark. The lead expanded to 3-1 in the 12th minute when freshman Melanie Greene scored off assists from Sentoff and Furlani.

"We've been working on many different conceptual things," UVM head coach Tim Bothwell said. "We're trying to keep the shift length short and

move the puck more from stick to stick, which we did an exceptional job of in the first period. It was unarguably our best period of the year."

The second period saw a breakdown of strength on both sides. The puck was moved from one end of the ice to the other in a yo-yo like fashion, with serious congestion around both nets. Even when the Pioneers had a five on three advantage they were not able to get the puck in the net.

The Catamounts broke through on a goal by Anderson with an assist coming from senior Gabe Worzella with 2:14 left in the second period.

"We came out really strong, connecting with all the passes and coming through for everyone," said Furlani. "What happened was in the second period we just didn't focus on the small things that we've been working on and our play really reflected that. It was a challenge for us to find our focus again."

Four minutes into the third period, Sacred Heart's Jenn Bragger beat Siegl for the Pioneers' second goal of the game to make the score 4-2.

In the final 10 minutes of the period, Vermont picked up the caliber of play once again, reminiscent of the first period.

Clearly dominating Sacred Heart, the Cats put two more goals in the net when senior Jenny Hogan and Sentoff scored. Senior captain Kristin Norris got the assist on the first goal while

sophomore Jessica Murphy and Furlani each received one on the second.

"Our biggest challenge coming into the game was the feeling that we should and could win," Bothwell said. "It was a hard position to be in because we still had to go out there and actually win. Overall, we did a great job playing a smart and simple game, avoiding the thought that we're better than them."

With the win, Vermont improves to 1-6-0 on the season while Sacred Heart drops to 0-3-0 on the season.

The next contest for the Cats comes Friday, Nov. 3 against St. Cloud State at home.

"The win is huge for us," Norris said. "We can certainly continue to win if we focus on the small things, which will in turn build to bigger things. This is a big confidence booster and it will carry us through the rest of the season as we build on ever game."

## SCOREBOARD

### THIS WEEK AT UVM, OCT. 31 - NOV. 6

Tuesday (Oct. 31)

Men's Basketball vs. Concordia 7pm

Wednesday (Nov. 1)

Men's Soccer vs. UNH or Stony Brook 1pm

Friday (Nov. 3)

Field Hockey @ Boston University 12pm

Women's Hockey vs. St. Cloud State 7pm

Saturday (Nov. 4)

Swimming vs. UNH 12pm

Men's Basketball vs. St. Michael's

Women's Basketball vs. Carleton 5pm

Men's Hockey @ Boston College 7pm

Women's Hockey vs. St. Cloud State 7pm

Sunday (Nov. 5)

Men's Hockey vs. University of Ottawa 4pm

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

(Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Wednesday (Oct. 25)

Men's Soccer: L - Dartmouth 2, UVM 1

Friday (Oct. 27)

Women's Hockey: W UVM 6, Sacred Heart 2

Women's Soccer: L - Maine 2, UVM 0

Saturday (Oct. 28)

Cross Country: Men 5 of 9, Women 4 of 9

Swimming: W UVM 168, Binghamton 121

Swimming: W UVM 192, Canisius 71

Field Hockey: L - Albany 3, UVM 2 (OT)

Women's Hockey: W - UVM 3, Sacred Heart 2

Sunday (Oct. 29)

Field Hockey: W - UVM 4, URI 1

### TEAM RECORDS (thru Oct. 29)

Men's Soccer

8-6-4, 5-1-2 America East (2nd place, in playoffs)

Women's Soccer

5-10-3, 3-3-2 America East (season over)

Field Hockey

11-7, 3-2 America East (4th place, in playoffs)

Men's Hockey

2-2-1, 0-0-1 Hockey East

Women's Hockey

2-6-0, 0-4-0 Hockey East

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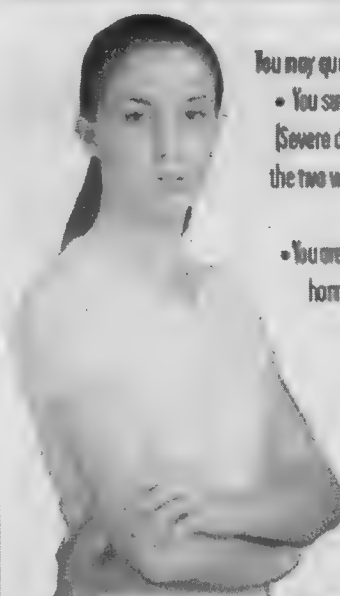
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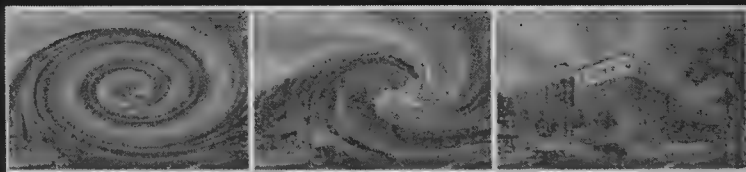
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# Basketball 'tips off' season

## ~MEN~

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

After exceeding expectations by reaching the America East Championship Game with the nation's youngest roster last season, this year's University of Vermont men's basketball team looks to ride that wave of unexpected success into the NCAA tournament.

Second year head coach Mike Lonergan, with all five starters returning from last year's 13-17 squad, hopes that with the combination of a tougher schedule and the leadership of co-captains Martin Klimes and Kyle Cieplicki, this year's Catamount squad is primed for a breakout season.

"We are looking forward to the upcoming season," said Lonergan. "We return all five starters along with other key returnees. After leading the America East in field goal percentage defense last season, we hope to continue to be a strong defensive team. The offense should be improved this year with a more experienced team and a good group of freshman added to the mix."

Lonergan has been a perennial winner at all levels of collegiate competition. During his 12-year head coaching tenure at Catholic University, Lonergan compiled a 251-88 (.740) record. With coaching stops at Colgate University and American International College along the way, as well as a year behind the bench with Greg Williams at Maryland, Lonergan has experience at all levels of NCAA play.

"I've seen everything," Lonergan said. "I've seen it where you're paid a heck of a lot of money and you're riding charter airplanes and I've seen Division III where I drive a van."

Lonergan could not be happier to bring his experience to UVM.

"This is a good level for me because you are dealing with true

student athletes, but you are at a nice level where hopefully you can compete sometimes with the big boys."

The emphasis this year is on competing with the big boys. Lonergan's squad will compete in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic at Maryland, travel to Boston College and Michigan State as well as hosting Drexel and Iona.

Lonergan hopes that facing such formidable opponents will give the Cats some much needed experience, prepare them for tournament play, and toughen up their character.

"I think to be the best you have to play the best," Lonergan said.

This year Lonergan will

**"I think to be the best you have to play the best"**  
-Coach Mike Lonergan about his team's tough schedule this season

rely heavily on the performance and leadership of Klimes and Cieplicki.

Klimes, a 6-8 senior center from Prague, Czech Republic, will have the opportunity to improve on his 11.4 points per game from last season and lead the Cats into the Big Dance in his final year.

Cieplicki, a junior sharp-shooting guard, will look to build on his 8.5 points per game and 40.2% three point shooting performance from last season. Lonergan feels fortunate to have both players on his side.

"I couldn't ask for better captains," Lonergan said. "We need their leadership to get through the regular season no matter how well we are playing."

Klimes and Cieplicki will be joined on the floor by 6-11 senior Chris Holm, the team's leading rebounder at 6.5 per game from a year ago. Lonergan believes that the combination of Holm and Klimes up front will wreak havoc on opposing defenses this season.

"We will start two fifth year seniors in the frontcourt,

Martin Klimes and Chris Holm, so our inside game should be our strength," said Lonergan. "If Martin and Chris can stay healthy, they will be the focus of our offense."

Another key returning player for the Cats is sophomore point guard Mike Trimboli, the 2006 America East Rookie of the Year. Trimboli was the team's leading scorer from the past season at 14.0 points per game and led the America East in assists with 5.5 per game.

At forward Lonergan will rely heavily on 6-8 sophomore Colin McIntosh, who made 15 starts in his freshman year and 6-6 junior high leaper Timothy McCrory.

The Catamounts hope to get healthy contributions from their freshman class as well. Nick Vier, a 6-1 guard and Joe Trapani, a 6-7 forward head the class of 2010.

Vier was a McDonald's All-American nominee while Trapani was the fourth leading scorer in the state of Connecticut last season at 25.5 points per game.

Coach Lonergan will get his first look at this year's Catamounts in action when they play host to Concordia University in the season opener on Halloween.



Cieplicki (white) passes around McIntosh (40) during the Cat Tip-Off (Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

## ~WOMEN~

By JASON FIDLER  
Staff Writer

"Things get better with age."

The popular proverb that has been used to refer to things ranging from fine wine to old movies has no place when discussing the University of Vermont's women's basketball team.

The 2006-07 version of the women's team boasts one of the youngest rosters in recent memory. There are only two seniors (Alison Brown and Brittney Cross), both of whom will be serving as captains this year, and two juniors. The rest of the 14-woman roster is filled out with four freshman and six sophomores. Even the coaching staff has relatively little experience at Vermont; with head coach Sharon Dawley being around the longest at four years.

This, however, does not appear to bother Dawley in the least.

"I think we're going to do very well," Dawley said in her typical minimalist fashion. "There's a lot of talent, very good chemistry, and there's good leadership."

"We have a young team... only four upperclassmen," Cross said. "But we also have a lot of

talent and a lot of maturity...I have really high expectations and am really excited for this year."

Cross was handed the role of captain due in large part to a breakout season last year. During the 2005-06 season, the Manchester, NH native led the America East in steals (2.38 per game); while also posting the second-highest scoring average on the team, at 9.38 per game, and was named the Team MVP.

Cross, who will play both

**"We're looking at ten underclassmen that are talented that they will play a lot"**

-Coach Sharon Dawley

point and shooting guard this year will be assisted by senior forward Brown in the captain's duties.

"They're great," Dawley said of her two captains. "[They have] great confidence that comes with a million minutes in game experience. They're both very good leaders, come to work every day. They're doing a great job."

The Catamounts look to improve from a disappointing 9-18 season last year; a record which was in large part a reflection of the amount of injuries that took many promising players off the court.

Two of those players were sophomores Amy Rosenkrantz and Sy Janousek, who missed a combined 15 games last season due to a leg injury and a shoulder injury, respectively.

"It's always frustrating having an injury...I'm very excited to show everyone what I'm capable of doing," Rosenkrantz said.

Both players are guards with great offensive potential (Rosenkrantz scored 20 points last season against University of Wisconsin, Green Bay), and both played at the same high school, Corona de Sol in Arizona. The long-time friends currently room together at UVM as well.

"She's a great roommate, she's a great teammate, and she's a great friend," Rosenkrantz said about her fellow Corona del Sol alumna. "I couldn't have asked for anyone better to go to college with."

"They have great chemistry when they're on the floor together," Dawley said. "They know where the other one is at all times."

Although Dawley will certainly miss last season's powerhouse trio of Chrissy Battram, Ashleigh Cuncic, and Alexis Castro, she has confidence that this year's underclassmen will be able to pull their weight.

"You typically don't expect young kids to play that much...we're looking at ten underclassmen that are talented and that will play a lot," Dawley said.

While maturity is certainly no detriment, the women's basketball team this season is hoping that pure talent will trump inexperience. A great wine or an excellent movie is good regardless of its age.

The Catamount's season opens Saturday against Canada's Carleton University.

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# First to fourth!

## Overtime loss send Cats into playoffs in fourth instead of first

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

The Catamount field hockey team fell to the University of Albany Great Danes 3-2 in overtime on Saturday at Moulton Winder Field in their last conference game of the season.

Coming into the game the Cats had a chance to capture the top seed in the America East tournament, which starts on Friday. But the loss coupled with a Boston University victory over Maine relegated Vermont to the fourth seed.

Albany's Teska Koch scored her second goal of the game off of a rebound seven minutes into overtime when the ball bounced off UVM's red-shirt freshman goalkeeper Kristin Heavens' pads. After two saved shots, Heavens deflected the ball to Koch and was out of position for a third save.

Albany came out strong in the game, recording a long hit as well as a corner within the first two minutes of play.

The Cats picked up their game and came back, scoring the first goal of the game in the 25th minute of play when sophomore Maegan Luce crossed the ball to junior Kelly McClintock, who put it past the Albany goalkeeper Ashley Ross. The goal was McClintock's 10th of the season.

"Our whole strategy was to stay strong on the ball," Luce said. "We had to play together through the aggressive and rough play moving the ball stick to stick."

Vermont led Albany 1-0 going into the second half of play but in the 38th minute Koch recorded her first goal off a rebound.

Albany continued to dominate through much of the second half but Luce was able to sneak the ball past Ross after receiving a pass from junior Danielle Collins,

giving Vermont the lead again at the 57-minute mark. Luce's goal was her 15th of the season, which is second on the team behind Collins.

"It was a great pass," Luce said. "[Collins] was able to get the goalie out and then sent the ball to me; I spun, shot, and scored. It was a great play."

The Cats kept pressuring Albany but the Danes tied up the score and sent the game into overtime when Michele Polizois tipped the ball in off a corner. The assists went to Arlette Westdorp and Meg Rinier.

In overtime, Vermont came out strong but Albany got through the Cats defense to record the game winner and lock up the second seed in the America East Conference tournament.

Albany played strong through the entire game, outshooting the Cats 18 to 11 and gaining 11 penalty corners compared to UVM's five.

The conference tournament will be hosted by top seed Boston University for the third season in a row. BU secured the championship with a 3-0 victory over Maine.

BU will face the Cats on Nov. 3 at 12 p.m. in the first and fourth seed game, while #2 Albany will play #3 Maine.

Despite the loss to Albany, the girls said they still have a chance to make up for the loss in the tournament. Head coach Nicki Houghton refused comment on the game or next week's contest.

### America East Playoffs

#### Semifinals: Nov. 3

**Game 1:** #4 Vermont vs. #1

Boston University, 12 noon

**Game 2:** #3 Maine vs. #2

Albany, 2:30 p.m.

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Winner Game 2, 1 p.m.



Vermont's freshman Matt Hennessey (4) fights for the ball during the Cats 2-1 loss to Dartmouth (Adam Briere / Vermont Cynic)

# Big Green smothers Cats

## Vermont loses season finale, bids farewell to seniors

By NICK DECARO  
Cynic Correspondent

On an overcast and chilly afternoon the University of Vermont Catamounts lost their regular season finale to the Dartmouth Big Green 2-1 in a non-conference game.

The game does not affect Vermont's (8-6-4, 5-1-2 AE) conference standing after they locked up a first round bye and the second seed in America East behind the University of Binghamton.

The outcome of the game however was not the story. The

game instead belonged to the two Vermont seniors, Chris Scherbel and captain Corey Bronner.

It was only fitting that on senior day, Scherbel would get the Catamounts on the board first. Just 7:15 into the game, sophomore Jordan Crasilneck's shot was saved by Dartmouth goalkeeper Sean Milligan, but he was not able to secure the ball. Scherbel knifed in and hammered the rebound home into the lower left corner of the net to put Vermont on top 1-0.

"It's a great feeling to score a goal on any day," said Scherbel of his first goal of the season. "It's just more special when it happens to come on senior day."

Dartmouth answered in the 38th minute when Dani Rothenberg capitalized on a turnover in the UVM zone, dribbled into the box and beat freshman goalkeeper Kyle Tufts to even the score at 1-1.

In the second half many of Vermont's bench players saw time on the field. Sophomore Caleb Doyle-Burr and freshman Matt Hennessey took advantage of their time and played very well.

Dartmouth was able to take the lead in the 75th minute when Nick Christman sent a low cross into the box to Derek Stenquist who put the ball in the back of the net to give Dartmouth a 2-1 advantage.

Vermont had a chance late in the game to tie. Freshman T.J. Gore crossed the ball to Crasilneck

in front of the goal but he couldn't connect on the equalizer.

When asked about his career at UVM Corey Bronner said, "You have to put in a lot of work, early mornings, sacrifice, you are a student, but you have a job, but I have made some of my best friends here and it has been a life lesson."

"Simply put, it's been amazing," Scherbel said. "I've appreciated the whole experience."

Bronner is a finance major and is currently interviewing for potential jobs, but is hoping to continue his soccer career.

Scherbel is likely headed for law school once he is finished at Vermont.

As far as the postseason is concerned both Bronner and Scherbel said they would like to go out on top and get an America East championship to cap their careers.

Vermont had six players earn All-Conference honors this season. Crasilneck and Gore were named to America East first team while junior captain Panos Georgiadis and sophomore Conner Tobin were named to the second team. Gore joined fellow freshman Nick Mead and Rem Keilman on the America East's All-Rookie team.

Vermont will host the winner of the New Hampshire vs. Stony Brook game on Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m.

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Freshman Swimmer Colleen Clark



Clark won the 200 freestyle in a freshman and school record time and the 100 freestyle in a freshman record time this weekend in meets against Binghamton and Canisius. Vermont won both meets to improve to 4-0 on the season; the best start in school history.



UVM Snowboard Team hosts the first rail jam of the season - Coverage Page 17 (Liz Crawford / Vermont Cynic)





Members of the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) march down Main Street on their way to the presidential wing of Waterman. In the halls of Waterman SLAP demanded a livable wage. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## SLAP pickets Waterman demanding livable wage

**Wage protesters are held outside president's wing by UVM police**

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

Chanting and beating drums, a crowd of about 50 students and community members entered the Waterman building Friday and seated themselves outside the president's wing where they remained for two hours, demanding a response from President Daniel Fogel.

Before marching inside, representatives from Student Labor Action Project (SLAP), the Progressive Party, Fletcher Allen Hospital workers and the United Electrical workers union (UE) spoke on the steps of Waterman beside a giant paper-maché hand.

The speakers thanked SLAP for its work in the past year and demanded the speedy implementation of a livable wage for all University employees and contracted workers.

"This is our university, this is not President Fogel's university, and we can take control of our university!" SLAP member Max Tracy said as the protesters marched inside.

At the president's wing, three UVM police officers stood between the protesters and the office doors.



Harris Bucklin, holding flag on right, leading the march past the Davis Center construction site. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

"I just came over here because I knew they had this event and I wanted to make sure no one gets hurt. It's a good cause," UVM police officer Patrick Flynn said.

At 2 p.m. Senior Vice President and Provost Gary Derr came out of the president's wing and informed SLAP that Fogel will not make a formal statement until after Nov. 30, the date when Fogel is set to meet for a final time with the members of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force.

Fogel created the task force last April in response to pressure from SLAP and the UVM community.

See "SLAP" page 4

## Burlington family fears student

**Burlington man grapples sophomore after the student kicked through his front door**

By TOM PAYEUR  
Staff Writer

What started out as a festive holiday weekend quickly turned to tragedy for one Burlington family, when a drunk UVM sophomore attempted to break into their home.

At 1:17 a.m. on Oct. 27, police rushed to 300 South Union St. after receiving a phone call from resident MaryAnn Lickteig, who said that "an intoxicated college student had put his foot through the door," according to the police report.

Arriving on the scene, police found UVM Junior Michael Long

with his foot in the front door window and Lickteig's husband, Joseph Hasselbach, bleeding from cuts on his hand and foot, the report stated.

Hasselbach said he first heard glass shattering, and after checking on his children, ran downstairs to find Long outside the front door, according to the report.

Hasselbach demanded that Long leave the premise. Long replied by kicking his left foot through the glass door. Hasselbach latched onto Long's leg to keep him at bay.

Meanwhile, Lickteig, after hearing the crash, grabbed her two oldest children, leaving her one-year-old twins in their nursery, the report stated.

Locking herself in the bathroom with the two children, Lickteig refused to come out until a thorough

See "Long" page 4



Vermont freshman T.J. Gore, center, goes up for the ball in Saturday's America East championship. (David Scherbel)

## SO CLOSE!

The UVM men's soccer team lost the America East championship game Saturday to Binghamton University, 1-0 (OT) in Vestal, N.Y.

Binghamton sophomore Barry Neville scored on a penalty kick with 58 seconds left in the first overtime to give the Bearcats their second conference championship. A UVM win would have given the squad its first conference title since 2000.

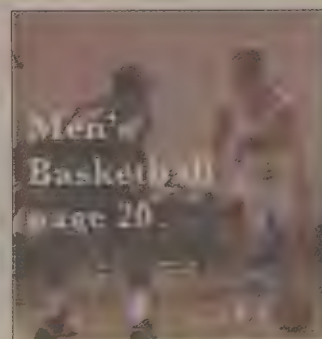
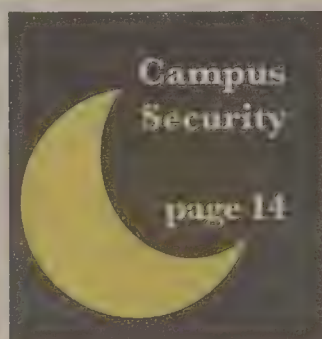
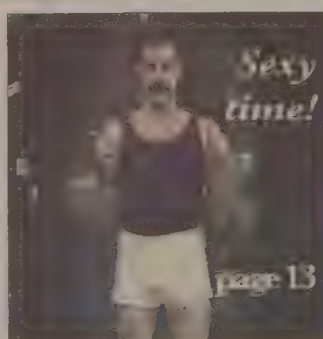
The Catamounts reached the championship game by beating UNH 1-0 on Wednesday.

UVM goalkeeper Roger Scully, back Connor Tobin and midfielder Corey Bronner were named to the America East All-Championship Team for their performances.

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# Fair Trade month

Students for Peace and Global Justice explore the complex environmental and social issues behind the food industry

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

Fair Trade month concluded on Halloween night as members of Students for Peace and Global Justice (SFPGJ) disguised themselves as bananas and coffee sacks to hand out Fair Trade information and chocolate bars in the dorms.

Fair Trade month, organized by SFPGJ, included a weekly film series, discussion groups, two panel discussions and the increased availability of Fair Trade certified products in the University dining halls.

**"We definitely got the word out and made our presence known"**

-Lindsey Bryan  
SFPGJ co-president

The farmers panel, co-sponsored by City Market and other University organizations, brought a local eco-apple farmer, Barney Hodges, and an Ecuadorian banana farmer, Sylvia Arevalo, to the University.

Vermont State Rep. David Zuckerman, an organic farmer himself, and the chair of the State Agriculture Committee, emceed the panel. Over 100 people showed up for the event on Monday night. "We definitely got the word out and made our presence known," SFPGJ Co-President Lindsey Bryan said.

Sodexo participated in Fair Trade week with their own events, which included an increased availability of Fair Trade bananas on campus and other products such as a Fair

**"We are not saying that Fair Trade is the end all be all, it is more complicated... There is a market for Fair Trade products"**

-Helaine Alon  
SFPGJ co-president

Trade cookies and banana smoothies. "We are pleased with the advancements Sodexo has made, but a lot more could be done," SFPGJ Co-President Helaine Alon said.

"We are not saying that Fair Trade is the end all be all, it is more complicated," Alon said. "Fair Trade is able to bridge the gap between people who are interested in environmental and social justice issues, as well as people interested in sustainable and profitable businesses. There is a market for Fair Trade products."

"There were always a lot of new faces," Bryan said of the turnout. "We [SFPGJ] have quite a few new members that are really involved. I've been impressed," she said.

# Panel speaks out against Bush

The Tour for a Just Foreign Policy speaks to students about ending the war and removing all troops from Iraq

By LAUREN VILBERT  
Cynic Correspondent

According to the Just Foreign Policy Web site, "a U.S. State Department poll in September found that most Iraqis want U.S.-led military forces to immediately withdraw." The Tour for a Just Foreign Policy in Iran and Iraq wants to educate the public about why the Bush administration continues to refuse to leave Iraq.

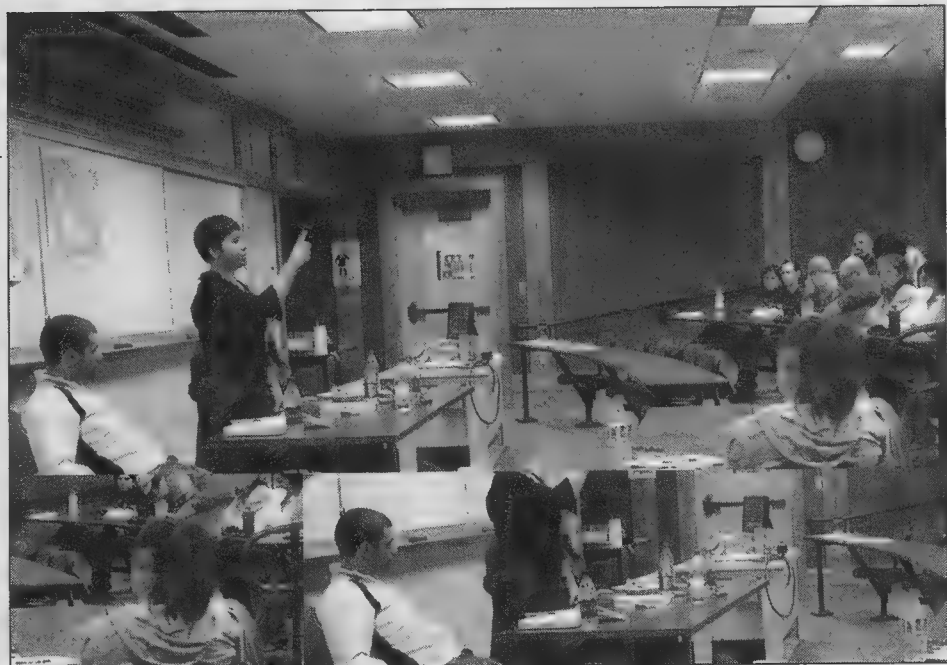
"The reason for the tour is to stop one war in its tracks and prevent one war from happening!" Antonia Juhasz said. "Stay the hell out of Iraq! Leave them alone!"

Juhasz is the author of "The Bush Agenda: Invading the World, One Economy at a Time" and is a visiting scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies.

Other speakers on the Wednesday night's panel included Raed Jarrar, Iraq project director at Global Exchange and Rostam Pourzal, president of the U.S. branch of the Campaign Against Sanctions and Military Intervention in Iran, who explained their positions on Iraq and Iran.

"Over 600,000 Iraqis have died as a result of war and political violence since the invasion in 2003," according to the Web site. "A range of polls show the majority of the Iraqis, as high as 82 percent in a recent poll by the British Defense Ministry, want the U.S. troops out," according to the Web site.

Juhasz said that oil is the "simple answer" for the intervention in Iraq. "The current president, vice president and the secretary of state has more experience with the oil and energy corporation than the government."



Antonia Juhasz speaks out against the U.S. occupation in Iraq  
(Liz Crawford/ Vermont Cynic)

She said that oil and weapons are the "Bush Agenda." The agenda is characterized by the idea that the U.S. believes that it has and should maintain economic dominance.

Jarrar was in Iraq during and after the 2003 invasion, and witnessed the destruction in Iraq. The U.S. foreign policy wants to work towards dividing Iraq into three sections. "The three major forces, the United States, Iran and religious extremists like the Al Qaeda want to divide Iraq to benefit them," he said.

"The United States is working toward what the United States wants, not what Iraq wants. Iraq wants to work hard to enhance their situation in their own country without help from outside intervention," Jarrar said.

Pourzal visits Iran regularly and has been on the boards of several Iranian-American organizations. Pourzal said that the United States makes the assumption that the U.S. is the beacon of other coun-

tries, and that gives the U.S. responsibility to have control of others resources.

Pourzal said that both conservatives and liberals seem to support the foreign policies of the United States because human rights, women's rights and democracy are wedged into the issue which causes liberals to "feel softer about the imperial adventures."

Pourzal gave the example of the bombing in Afghanistan. Before the bombing occurred, "the majority of feminists were encouraging the government to take a stand against Afghanistan" because of the oppression of women in the country.

"Don't get fooled by propaganda! The problems in Iran are exaggerated half the time and make situations look 10 times worse," Pourzal said.

Election Day is right around the corner and "it's one thing we can do—vote out the party that's doing the agenda!" Juhasz said.

# Federal offense on campus

Student's personal checks stolen from UVM mail room

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Staff Writer



Freshman Bryan Eisenberg checking his mail  
(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

Any given day, students go to pick up their mail at their personal UVM mailbox with general ease.

Sophomore Currie Broderick had a problem with the system though. In the beginning of the semester, he opened up a new checking account and requested that the boxes of checks be mailed to his UVM mailbox in the Jeanne-Mance dormitory. Broderick's checks never arrived, and he soon found himself missing \$200.

According to Broderick, somewhere within the UVM mail system his checks were stolen and fraudulently written out for cash.

"It's pretty lame," Broderick said. The perpetrator also reportedly crossed out Jeanne-Mance as the address and replaced it with Waterman. Broderick has reported this incident to the police, and a formal investigation is underway.

The mail is delivered to the front desks of each building by the United States Postal Service, and it is then sorted by whomever is on duty at the front desk or the mail room.

It is forbidden to give the mail directly to people, accord-

ing to many mailroom workers.

Instead, at the beginning of the year, students are assigned boxes in their dormitory that have a secure combination. All mail must be put into the boxes and retrieved by the students

**Broderick's checks never arrived, and he soon found himself missing \$200**

through their mailboxes.

Mailroom workers also stated that they have never heard of any theft, and that checks are automatically taken from the bins and put into the student's boxes to reduce the exposure time of checks.

When the mailroom is empty, the doors are locked so that students cannot gain unlawful entry and access to other student's mail.

"If I had anything important, I really wouldn't want it there," Broderick said.

Freshman Keith Zengel disagreed. "I feel that my mail is safe in the UVM system," he said.

"I think that it is pretty

safe," freshman Molly MacMillan said.

Freshman Mike Rodgers pointed out another problem. "I don't think I've had a problem with it yet, but then again if someone steals my mail then I wouldn't even know I was supposed to get it."

Students have noticed other problems within the UVM mail system.

Problems include the back of mail boxes being opened. One student said that when he forgets his mail combination, he has had his friend reach into his box through his friend's box right beside it.

"The mail room staff I have dealt with seem to be trustworthy and capable," Rodgers said.

**"I feel that my mail is safe in the UVM system"**

-Freshman Keith Zengel

The UVM mail room staff also have a protocol that ensures some level of safeguard against theft of student's mail, whether it is keeping the doors locked or sticking to the prescribed system.



# Breaking down Burlington's budget

By NOAH STAUM

Burlington's neighborhood planning assemblies hosted an evening with Mayor Bob Kiss and Chief Administrative Officer Jonathan P.A. Leopold Jr. on Thursday about how Burlington's budget works. The meeting's objective was to "educate residents about the city budget and for the mayor and city staff to receive feedback from residents."

## Where does the revenue come from?

55.2 percent of revenue in the FY 2007 budget is generated from property taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, which is approximately \$25 million. The remainder of revenue is composed mainly of fees and charges, along with a small percentage of other taxes.

Leopold described the budget as being like every family's financial plan. "It's an estimate of the revenues that we're going to have this year and...a plan of the decisions about how we're going to use those revenues, and that plan reflects the policies and priorities of the city."

## How is a budget supported?

The total operating costs for city departments is \$33.9 million and department revenues pay for \$10.6 million of that. The remaining \$23.3 million in operating costs has to be supported through taxes.

## How is it different from your average budget?

"Unlike your family budget, the budget of the city is actually a legal document—it's law," Leopold said. "So, as a department head in the city, I have oversight of about 8-9 million dollars in this budget. I can only spend that money as the city council and the mayor have authorized."

"Most importantly, what it does is it gives city government the authority to raise certain revenues and then to expend them, but to expend them only in the ways the budget prescribes," Leopold said.

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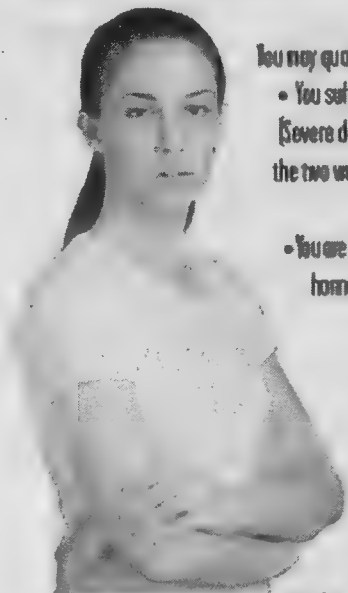


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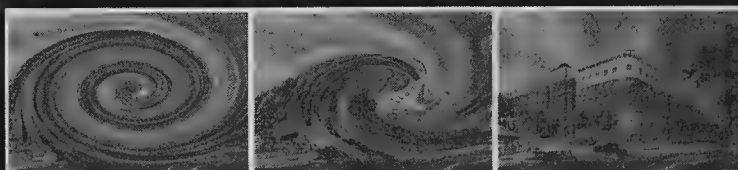
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300 South Union Street, the scene of the break-in (Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

## Long

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check of the house was completed.

Police found a pumpkin lying on the living room couch amidst glass strewn about the room. Adjacent to this, the living room window was broken, the report stated.

An assessment of Hasselbach's cuts by the fire department concluded that he would probably need stitches,

**Four full cans of beer were found in Long's backpack, and he was reported to have a blood alcohol content level of .284 percent**

the report stated. Long's injuries were not serious.

Four full cans of beer were found in Long's backpack, and he was reported to have a blood

alcohol content level of .284 percent.

When asked why Long had entered the property, Burlington Police Sgt. Donald Lilja said, "I would assume he thought it was his house, a buddy's or maybe that a party was going on."

According to the report, damages have been estimated at over \$1,000.

Long was charged with unlawful trespassing, unlawful mischief and simple assault, the report stated.

He was also issued a Vermont municipal ticket for being a minor in possession of alcohol.



SLAP members march from Redstone Green to Waterman (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## SLAP

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to give livable wage to all employees.

The task force presented its final report on Oct. 4, recommending that the University institute a minimum hourly wage based on data from the Vermont Joint Fiscal Office, which constitutes a livable wage. Fogel has yet to respond to this report.

The rally was organized by SLAP with the intention of convincing Fogel to sign a statement pledging his support for the implementation of a livable wage for all University employees.

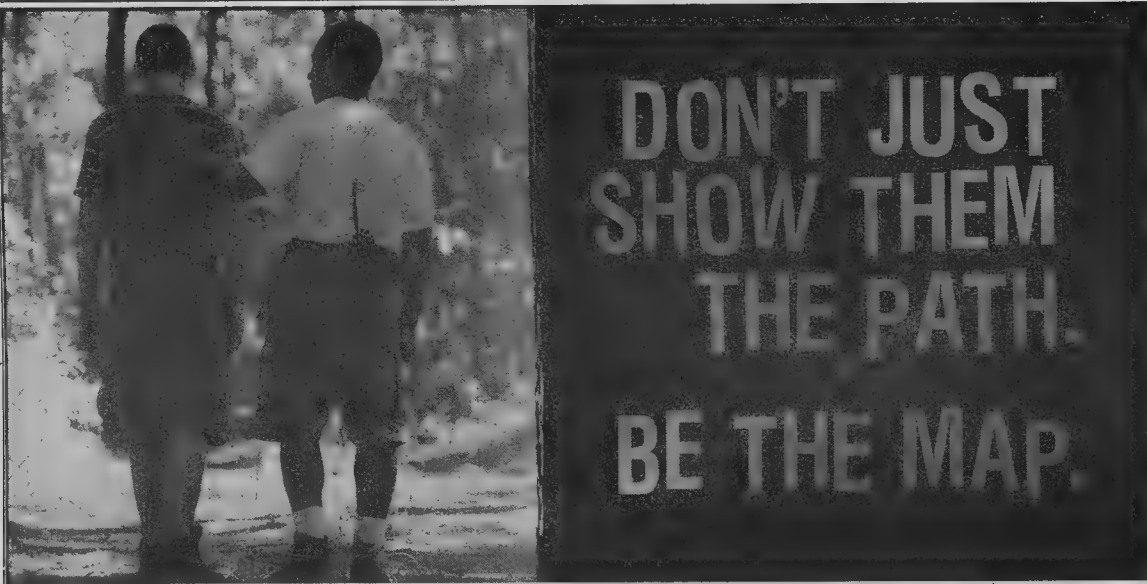
Three weeks ago, the administration and UE, the maintenance worker's union, finished contract negotiations that began in March.

The UE received a 4 percent raise, matching the rate of inflation. "It is really good they got at least 4 percent, or they would actually be taking a pay cut ... we would consider it a victory, a small step toward a big solution," said Chris Costello, a member of SLAP who helped to organize the rally.

"The union negotiation was one of the barriers that Fogel cited...but they have been done for 2-3 weeks now, and still we've seen nothing," SLAP member Sam Maron said.

Although the UE did get a raise, it is still not equivalent to a livable wage. "We just signed a new contract, and we will be able to get \$11.50 in three years. That is still a buck less than livable wage!" said Tom Stout, the former president of the 267 UE Local in his speech at the rally.

In addition to the 181 UE members, there are also 73 non-unionized workers who receive a wage below the livable wage.



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SLAP protesting in front of Waterman for livable wages (Adam Briere / Vermont Cynic)





# Committee on ethical investing dissolved

**As the board of trustees reorganizes, the status of the Committee on Socially Responsible Investing remains unclear**

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

The Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, a subcommittee of the former Investment Committee, has served as the forum for community input on the University's investment policy since the 1980s. As of this month, the CSRI no longer exists.

CSRI has been dissolved and will be rolled into the new mega-committee of Budget, Finance and Investment, Carl Lisman, the chair of the board of trustees said in an e-mail to members of the committee.

The reorganization of the board of trustees into two mega-committees is intended to streamline the processes of the board of trustees, Lisman said.

**"Our job was to look at investment, but ... it also became a place where people got to speak about morals"**

-John Snow  
former vice chair of CSRI

"I think that socially responsible investment is an important issue and very much consistent with the University positioning itself as the environmental university," said Professor Matthew Wilson, a faculty member of the CSRI.

Most recently, the CSRI has dealt with the issue of divesting funds from companies affiliated with the Sudanese government, in response to the ongoing genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

The organization Students Take Action Now: Darfur (STAND) brought the issue of divestment

before the CSRI this past spring with successful results. The committee unanimously voted to recommend that the University divest from the 20 companies considered the worst offenders in Sudan, Sean Haggerty, the SGA representative in CSRI, said.

According to STAND director Magdalena Jensen, the dissolution of the CSRI will not impact the ongoing Sudanese divestment. "It doesn't affect our work because our dates have been set and will not change," Jensen said.

During this transition from the former organization of the board of trustees into the new mega-committees, the Sudan divestment work group, a subdivision of the CSRI, will remain intact and make a final report to the board of trustees on Nov. 10. The subcommittee is responsible for following through on the resolution for divestment from Sudan, the former Vice Chair of CSRI John Snow said.

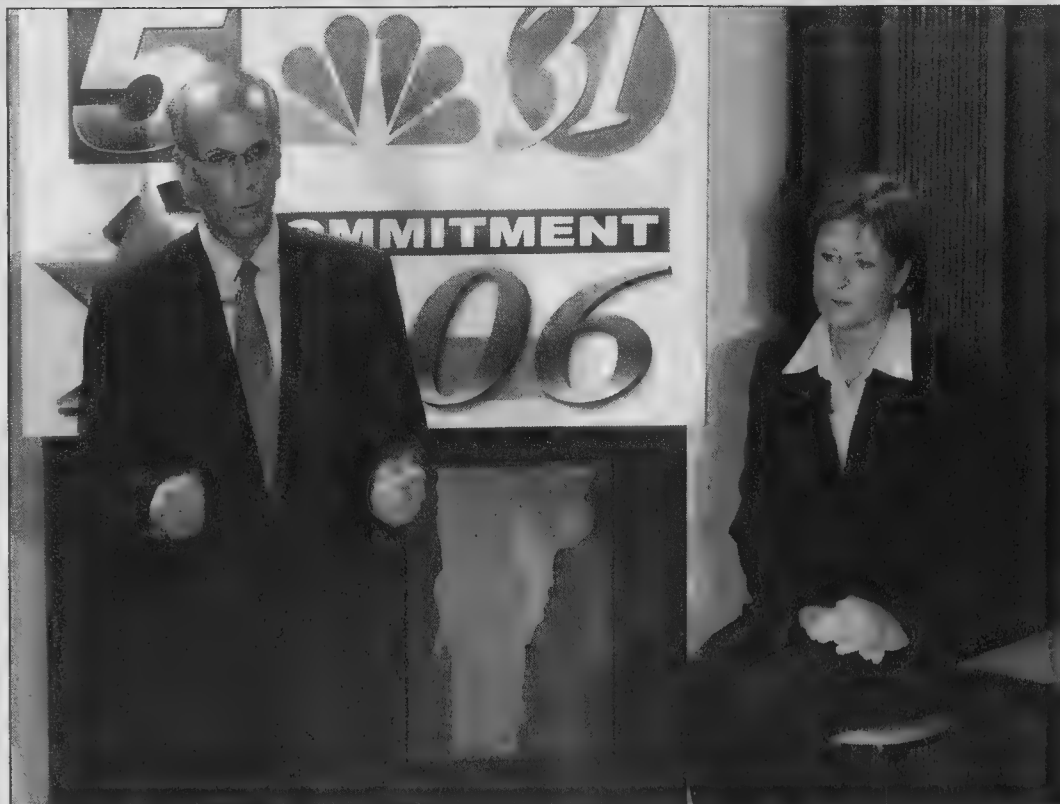
"Our job was to look at investment, but also it also became a place where people got to speak about morals... One thing that was interesting about the CSRI was that it provided the community with a handle on the board of trustees," professor Glen Elder, a faculty member of the CSRI, said.

Members of the CSRI are uncertain of whether the board of trustees will have any further need for their participation, according to former members Elder, Haggerty and Wilson.

The CSRI had a long history at the University, going back to the 1980s when the University divested all funds that were invested in companies supporting the system of apartheid in South Africa.

The CSRI was also responsible for implementing the University's tobacco restriction on investments. "Divestment is a great political statement," Haggerty said.

Until a new subcommittee is formed, all concerns about the investment practices of the University will be brought before the new budget, finance and investment mega-committee.



Peter Welch and Martha Rainville debate in Billings (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

## Rainville defends conservatism

**House of Representatives candidates debate future of U.S. troops in Iraq**

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
Cynic Correspondent

As election day approached, Congressional candidates Peter Welch and Martha Rainville faced off in a debate at the Billings Student Center at the University of Vermont in front of an intimate group of 32 people.

The first issue at the debate, held on Oct. 24, was the Iraq War, wherein Rainville said that thinking to the past was "only politics," but also said that, "we should bring the troops home with honor, but only once all objectives have been completed."

Welch also addressed the Iraq War. "We need to bring the troops home now," Welch said. "It's not our troops' job to referee a civil war."

Other important issues to both candidates during the debate were fiscal matters. "We cannot have tax cuts for the very wealthy people on borrowed money," Welch said.

The debate offered a display of the differences between the candidates, but it also gave viewers an opportunity to see some of the similarities between the candidates' positions on certain issues, like the change of leadership in Congress.

Throughout the debate, Welch advocated strongly for a change of leadership. "Things this Congress is doing are unconscionable," Welch said.

Rainville agreed that new leadership was needed. "We need a new direction and a new

type of leadership," she said.

Rainville also made sharp comments on Welch's personal background. "We don't need people with experience in going around the rules... [Vermont] can choose

**"We should bring the troops home with honor but only once all objectives have been completed"**

-Martha Rainville

to vote for a trial attorney and politician or for someone who built a career as a citizen soldier," she said.

Welch disagreed with Rainville's opinion and said that, "our experiences are different. I can get the job done in a bipartisan way."

The environmental future of the country, an important issue for Vermont, came up later in the debate. Welch came out strongly for environmental issues and said that the United States needed to double the mileage standards for automobiles and have incentives for alternative energy.

Welch and Rainville's Congressional race is important to many in a larger context. It is a race that could decide the direction and make-up of the U.S. House of Representatives. Currently, Welch has a 10-point lead on Rainville, according to a poll by WCAX-TV.

A win by Welch would aid the Democrats in gaining control of the House of Representatives after 12 years without leadership.

In closing, Rainville said, "I'm not George Bush. I'm Martha Rainville!" Welch closed by reiterating an earlier point. "I believe we need a new direction," he said.

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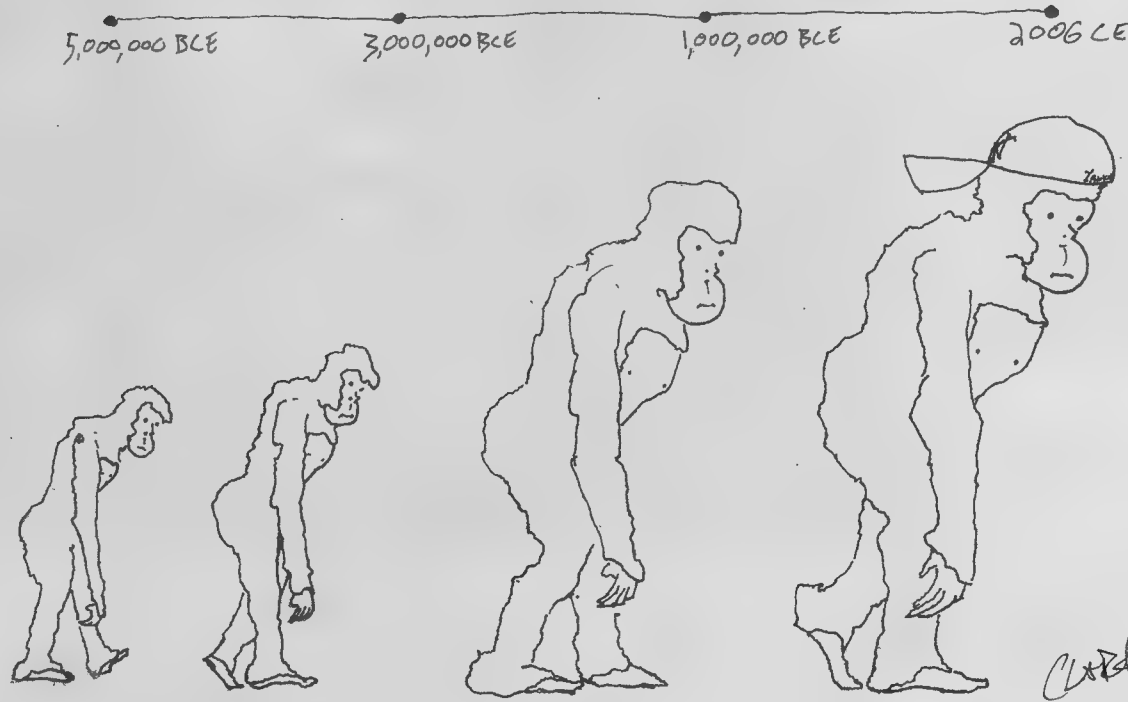
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# The Evolution of the Non-Voter



## Political advertisement violated teacher-student social contract

Opinion Editorial - Kensington R. Moore - News Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 31 the Sanders for Senate and Welch for Congress campaigns bought a set of advertisements in UVM's student newspaper, *The Vermont Cynic* urging students to "join us in voting for [Bernie Sanders/Peter Welch, respectively] on November 7."

Over 100 University of Vermont faculty members signed the advertisements, ranging from English professors to Computer Science lecturers.

These advertisements are a blatant display of personal political views being impressed upon students.

The advertisements prompt us to ask the following question: where is the bright-line in terms of influencing students with advertisements of the political views of University faculty and staff?

The University community must entertain this discussion in a serious and contemplative manner.

To ignore this issue is to

invite an atmosphere of dictation as opposed to Socratic discussion in the classroom.

In order to foster open and

motivation.

One must ask: what is the point behind these signatures?

The only readily available

***In order to foster open and uninhibited discourse by students in the collegiate setting faculty must regard their own neutrality as an ethical imperative***

uninhibited discourse by students in the collegiate setting faculty must regard their own neutrality as an ethical imperative.

The Oct. 31 advertisements breeched this social contract.

When the participating faculty chose to endorse these advertisements, they did so with their names but not titles, presumably as an indication that they were doing so as private citizens and not as University affiliates. But one must question the underlying

answer is that students respect these individuals in a professional sense and thus the signatures can be used as an effective political tool to sway the opinions of students.

Political Science professor Anthony Gierzynski explained his reaction to the advertisement. "[the advertisement] violates a sense of neutrality [we're] not supposed to tell students what to do/think, especially in terms of politics."

For students, faculty represent the epitome of academic success in our individual fields

of study; they are our mentors, our idols and our counselors.

To have them negate their neutrality can break down essential lines of trust.

Without this trust, truly free academic discourse is impossible and can quickly mutate, in the eyes of students, into academic discord.

Had these faculty members placed these advertisements in the Burlington Free Press or another media outlet that is not directly connected to the University, the current ethical debate would be a moot point.

However, having the advertisement published within the faculty members' professional community makes this discussion of the utmost importance.

We must establish this bright-line as members of a conscientious academic community; one committed to the highest ethical and moral standards that puts the ideals of an open forum at the forefront of the educational experience.

## Letters to the Editor

### Will Sedlack manipulated facts to spin story against Greek system

In his article, "Frats and sororities diminishing at UVM," William D. Sedlack manipulates statistics in order to provide a skewed perspective on the current state of Greek life at the University.

Much of his information is based on historical membership of Kappa Sigma, and as a brother of this fraternity, I would like to provide some clarification for facts that were taken completely out of context.

Kappa Sigma's paltry membership of seven brothers in 1975 can be attributed primarily to a fire that burned the house to the ground and took the lives of two brothers in the prior year.

In addition, Kappa Sigma was once synonymous with football. In 1972, 95 percent of the house played football, and for the 12th year running a brother was selected as co-captain of the team. When football was done away with in 1974, the fraternity lost the consistently robust numbers that came

***Any past fluctuations in membership are irrelevant to a statement about the current state of Greek life***

with it.

Still, any past fluctuations in membership are irrelevant to a statement about the current state of Greek life and the direction in which it is moving.

If anything, Kappa Sigma's very presence on campus is a testament to a burgeoning Greek system. The fraternity was removed from campus in 1998 and remained a nonentity until being revived in 2004 by myself and 20 others.

Now we have over 40 members and are swiftly approaching the 50 that would grant us a charter through the national organization.

But Kappa Sigma won't be the new guys for much longer. Delta Psi fraternity has expressed a great deal of interest in returning to UVM.

A group of students are working on establishing the multi-cultural fraternity Gamma Omega Delta as well. And they aren't the only ones.

According to the advisor to Greek life, Kimberlee Monteaux, national and international fraternities are contacting her every week to express interest in starting a chapter at UVM. She also informed me that recruiting is up across the board from last year.

Greek life is not what it was in the 1950' and 1960s and it never will be. Nevertheless, Sedlack's statement that Greek life is undergoing some sort of decline is fallacious and completely out of line.

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**Ted Haggard, leading evangelical preacher accused of methamphetamine use and soliciting a male prostitute**



## Letters to the Editor

### Time to get the facts correct on Darfur

OK Jamie. I would like to begin by saying that calling people "racist" is seriously bad form.

Secondly, if I were a refugee from Sudan, especially living here within our school community, reading your article, I would be nauseated by your tone.

Thirdly, the pamphlets we distribute are designed, printed and funded by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, not stoned hippies.

And I actually need to correct both Jamie and Magda about economic sanctions; the U.S. already imposed sanctions on Sudan, beginning in 1997, under Clinton.

The effect has been mixed because it targets both the government in the North as well as the Southern regions. The South is struggling to rebuild after 23 years of war and government marginalization. (The New Sudan Education Initiative - NESEI - is working on this issue.) The effect of imposing economic sanctions has also been mixed because our State Department doesn't enforce them very well- if they feel like lifting a finger at all.

In addition, their ineffectiveness is compounded by the fact that anyone in the United States can make money by purchasing shares in publicly traded companies in the New York Stock Exchange, like Taftnet or Sudatel (a Sudanese telecommunications monopoly) who actively coordinates this genocide by turning off cell phone towers so people being attacked by government helicopters can't communicate or send warning to those nearby. This is what targeted divestment is dealing with- shutting down specific companies who are making this genocide possible.

Out of the 50 states in our nation, 29 of them have officially initiated political campaigns to divest state portfolios from companies financing genocide in Sudan. Several cities have also adopted divestment legislation.

Many colleges and universities have followed suit; UVM is one of them. So, Jamie, you may glance at newspaper articles and feel that Darfur is a lost cause, and given the way the mass media slants this sad story, I don't blame you.

But as the vice president of STAND, I have reason for hope everyday- I see real actions having real impacts right here at UVM. Please get more info on this at <http://www.sudandivestment.org>.

I encourage you, Jamie, to only engage in thoughtful, respectful debate. I invite you to our meetings to speak your mind. Please visit our table in Cook Commons every Monday, or come to Lafayette 207 at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night.

ALEXABDRA BAMBERY

Vice-President UVM Chapter of STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur!) and Representative for the Sudan Divestment Task Force

### Michelle's murder highlights men and their violent disposition

The murder of Michelle Gardner-Quinn is a tragedy certain to reverberate throughout our community for a long time to come. As the board of the Lake Champlain Men's Resource Center, we add our collective, sorrow-filled voice to the outpouring of support towards Michelle's death.

Yet, we know there is more to say and do. While the story is still being pieced together, we feel certain that one sad and disturbing fact will be irrefutably corroborated: Michelle was the victim of a man's violence against a woman.

We need not look further back than the past few weeks to the murders of women and girls by men in Vt., Colo. and Pa. to recognize that male violence against females continues unabated.

Let us label this a "male violence," not shifting the focus to the victim or location, but keep the spotlight on the perpetrator and society's role in socializing men to be violent.

Unless we want manhood and masculinity to be defined by the behavior of violent men who assault, murder and often commit suicide, it is incumbent upon men of conscience to move from being well meaning bystanders to vocal opponents of men's violence against women.

We invite men to join us in stepping forward to explicitly condemn such behavior - to pledge to educate ourselves about men's violence against women, to reach out as allies to women and women's organizations asking how we can help, and to teach our children, especially our sons, about respecting girls and women. We must encourage everyone to forge an alliance of peacemakers in our community.

Out of the tragedy of Michelle Gardner-Quinn's death, may we become more personally aware of men's violence and engage in collective action to prevent such violence. Doing so will both honor Michelle's memory and demonstrate our intention to create a society committed to raising healthy boys and promoting peacemaking men that the concerned citizens of our community so desperately need.

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OK Republicans. Those Democrats are starting to call this whole Iraq War thing a scandal. We can't have this so close to elections. What we need is one of those Clinton-style sex scandals to divert the public's attention.



Don't worry. We'll handle this the NAMBLA way. Or, should we say Republican-style



## Sex isn't the only thing that creates a scandal

JAKE MEANY: Notes from the island

Americans love a good scandal. More aptly, Americans love to watch a good scandal. This becomes more evident during election time, when dirty politics lead to more information being released with the hope that sexually assaulting a cocktail waitress will mean that you are unfit to run your state (which is odd for the Las Vegas incumbent, since assaulting a cocktail waitress is on the state flag).



to their employees of 431:1?

Why is it not a scandal that we have a government that aids egregious human rights abuses all over the world?

Why, as a nation, don't we consider these scandals? Many scandals don't even reach the headlines of most major newspapers. Fewer individuals could tell you about the crisis in Darfur than the dates that celebrity's babies are revealed to the waiting world.

The worst things that exist are not some

**Why is it not a scandal that 30,000 children die every day from preventable diseases?**

**Why is it not a scandal that we have chief executive officers that have a pay ratio to their employees of 431:1?**

What is a scandal?

A scandal is defined as a public incident that brings about disgrace or offends the moral sensibilities of society.

The problem is that most of the events we label as scandals are involved with sex.

Take the Mark Foley, Michael Jackson, Catholic priests and Lewinsky examples.

We sensationalize these stories and say that this is an affront to our sensibilities. But does that give a healthy image of our values?

No. It describes America as a bunch of Puritanical ideologues who focus on a micro level of insignificance.

Why is it not a scandal that 30,000 children die every day from preventable diseases?

Why is it not a scandal that we have chief executive officers that have a pay ratio

inappropriate sexual actions. No one can honestly believe that political "sexcapades" hold a candle to child slavery or the deaths of millions.

The media perpetuates this by blanket-ing sex information throughout our senses, feeding our perverse fascinations and making us lust for more.

I believe that political groups need to reclaim the word scandal back from the National Enquirer. We need to end the idea that Iraq is a quagmire (which sounds like a member of the Rescue Ranger gang) and use words that have a transcendent meaning to Americans of all social classes. I don't want to live in a world where the sleaze mongers get to define what our moral map looks like as we sit idly by and watch ourselves lose national honor because "sex sells."



# College Gourmet

## Chile Lime Tortilla Chips

Cooking spray

1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel

2 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lime juice

2 teaspoons olive oil

2 teaspoons honey

4 whole wheat tortillas (8" diameter)

chile powder, to taste

• Heat oven to 350° F. Spray a large cookie sheet with nonfat cooking spray.

• In a medium sized bowl, combine lime peel, lime juice, chile pepper, oil, and honey, and stir thoroughly.

• Using a pastry brush, brush tortillas with the lime mixture.

• Using a sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut tortillas into 12 wedges. Place wedges on a single layer on cookie sheet and sprinkle with chile powder to desired amount.

• Bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

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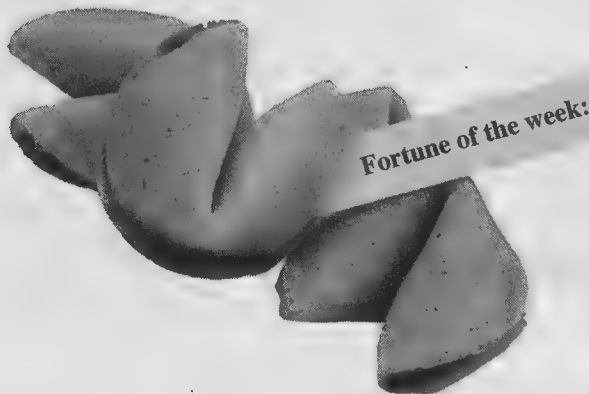
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## The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZOMBIE



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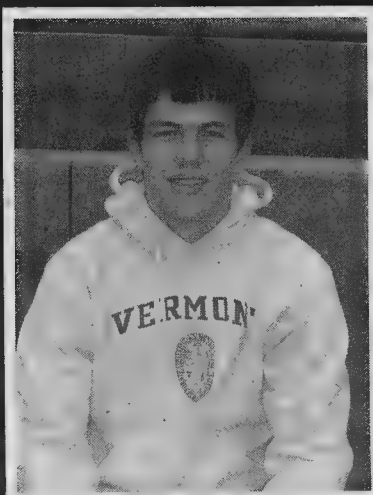
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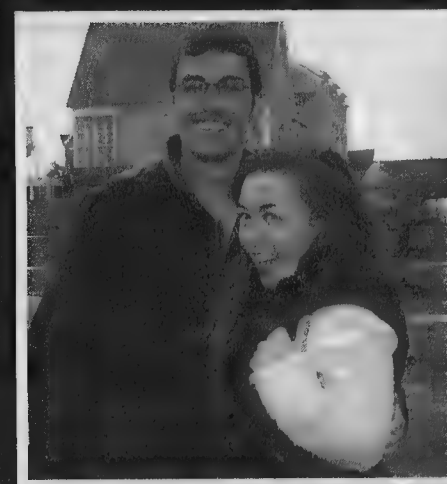
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# Has Burlington BUR

Story by SARA

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Cute shops, lots of music venues, the beautiful UVM campus and genuinely nice people make Burlington the ideal place to learn and grow.

But the protective bubble of safety often thought to surround this quaint town might not be as secure as many students believe.

Considering the unprecedented campus crimes of the last two months — the tragic abduction and murder of Michelle Gardner-Quinn and Colby Eck's assaults on Harris residents — it's no wonder that students,

***"I'm less outgoing with people I've never met before; now I hold back a lot"***

-Julie Camuso, UVM Freshman

especially women, are changing the way they think about their daily activities.

"It's definitely made me think twice about walking downtown by myself... I'm more cautious now," 18-year-old UVM freshman Cindy Conquest said. "If I can avoid walking alone, I will. It's our time to be independent, but then people are saying 'don't go anywhere alone.'"

For other women, the mental and psychological impacts from the crimes loom larger than daily life.

"My daily activities haven't changed that much; it's in what I'm thinking," said 17-year-old psychology major Emily Crofton.

"I second guess things now. I'm more alert than before."

Julie Camuso, a UVM freshman from Hamilton-Wenham, Mass. agrees.

"I'm less outgoing with people

I've never met before; now I hold back a lot... and now people that were typically not sketchy before are sketchy now," Camuso said.

Indeed, Burlington's bubble has, in the past, sheltered its inhabitants from violent crimes like those that have occurred in the past months. This town is thought of as a secure haven for many students who fall into routines where safety and alertness tend to drift to the back of the mind.

"I was shocked [after the crimes], because in my experience, Burlington is typically really safe; nothing bad ever really happens," Lucas Faryniarz, Resident Advisor of Millis 4 High said. "These events were so out of place, and both events happened so close together."

Many students feel that because there is so little violent crime in Burlington, the impact, when it does occur, is compounded.

"It's not like it's completely unexpected at college. I think it's a problem most other colleges have because you can't avoid things like that," Conquest said.

There is a kind of invincibility that traditionally comes with being a young, newly independent college student and recent events have shaken that notion.

But even with these crimes still at the forefront of the community's mind, some students aren't so quick to change their opinion on the town's safety.

"My view of Burlington hasn't really changed" Faryniarz said. "Burlington is still safe, and UVM is a safe campus. Obviously some events happen every once in a while that are going to try to prove it false."

"Just the fact that these crimes have garnered so much attention shows how out of place they are. We're striving to make the campus safe, and it says a lot about how safe the city and campus are," he said.

Although there are many ways the University tries to protect its students, the success of these safety measures relies heavily on the student body itself.

For instance, Harris/Millis has only 16 RAs, who have been adding extra rounds to their routines, but cannot monitor the two dorms all the time.

"The residents have to be cautious and safe," Faryniarz said. "Travel in groups, not just girls, but guys too; this can happen to anybody. Just do those little things that can make your experience safe and, in the end, benefit you."

Even with police services close to the dorms, Faryniarz believes that it's the residents' job to bring problems to their RA.

"Basically, at this time you can't be too safe, and there's always someone on call to help, he said."

Although the police can help the students to the best of their abilities, it is not solely their responsibility.

"It's a combination of them and us," Conquest said.

"A lot of the

problems in dorms can be avoided if students are smarter; hopefully we can avoid things like this in the future."

Gary Margolis, Chief of UVM Police agrees. "The incidents that involved drug-induced violent behavior were the result of people who were in the residence halls as guests of others and not the

result of an inadequate residence hall security measure, he said.

"I can't think of any security measures that could work at UVM that wouldn't be easily bypassed by student complacency."

Another easily recognizable but often misused safety feature are the approximately 115 blue light stations scattered throughout campus.

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last time a blue light was activated for a real emergency as opposed to a prank," Margolis said.

"They're dispersed through campus at strategic locations chosen based on analysis of foot traffic, area of campus, lighting, etcetra" he said.

"Every blue light is visible from at least

one other blue light. This allows someone in need of help the opportunity to run from one to the other if they have to.

"Police response is as fast as possible given traffic patterns and location of the officer on campus. We can typically get to any 911 call ... within minutes."

Margolis also explained some of the

ways that students can continue being safe.

"We can all protect ourselves by maintaining situational awareness of what's going on around us, making good decisions to minimize risk to ourselves and those we love, and continuing to engage men in the conversation about how our society promulgates a culture that feeds into violence against women."

However, many students feel that there are additional measures the University could take to help protect its students, especially regarding buses and safe rides.

"The bus situation is very ridiculous – everything I've heard is different," Camuso said.

"More access to information and public transportation could help avoid a lot of problems," Camuso said.

"Also, there should be non-police safe

***There is a kind of invincibility that traditionally comes with being young, newly independent, and in college. But with these tragic crimes still at the forefront of the community's mind, students are wondering how safe they are***

rides to help students get home, while avoiding getting other people in trouble," she said. "We shouldn't have to call campus police; it's so extreme.

"I don't know many people who would feel comfortable doing that, and I see no reason why we should be uncomfortable in such an ordinary situation," she said.

Beyond the tragic aspects of these crimes lies the frightening fact that Gardner-Quinn and the women assaulted by Eck were ordinary people in ordinary situation, Camuso said.

"It could have been anybody," Crofton said. "It's not like [Michelle] did anything out of the ordinary and stupid that we're like, 'I'd never do that.'"

Eck's attacks and the Gardner-Quinn tragedy have also exposed the vulnerability of women on campus.

"Since it hits so close to home, it has an impact on us, but we hear about these kind of things all the time," Crofton said.

"I feel like we take for granted living in a safe community," Camuso said. "Even though these things are startling, disturbing, and horrible, it's a wake-up call, not just for Burlington, but for anyone who goes to college anywhere.

"One thing that really bothers me because it's so stupid and so absolutely outrageous," Camuso continued, "Is that we as women have to choose between two things that we don't want to do, like walking alone or using a stranger's phone. We shouldn't have to feel [unsafe]."

Although tragic, these crimes may have a positive effect: an increased awareness about women's safety and the ability to prevent

these kinds of crimes in the future.

With student groups creating initiatives across campus, the community can take control and react positively to these crimes with education and awareness.

President Fogel recently sent an e-mail to UVM students

and faculty regarding Men Advocating Change's distribution of white ribbons to individuals pledging never to commit violence against women.

"We all have a stake and responsibility in seeking an end to the epidemic of violence against women," the e-mail stated.

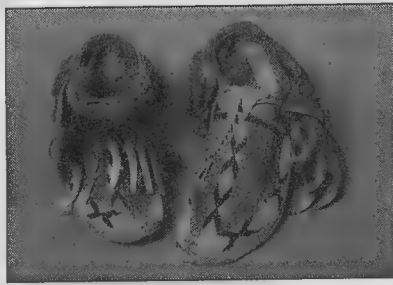
For Camuso, this means a lot. "This is the most important and comforting thing they can do. They're easing fear so we don't feel uncomfortable ... they're doing something about it," she said.

Initiating a dialogue between women and men regarding violence is also important to Margolis.

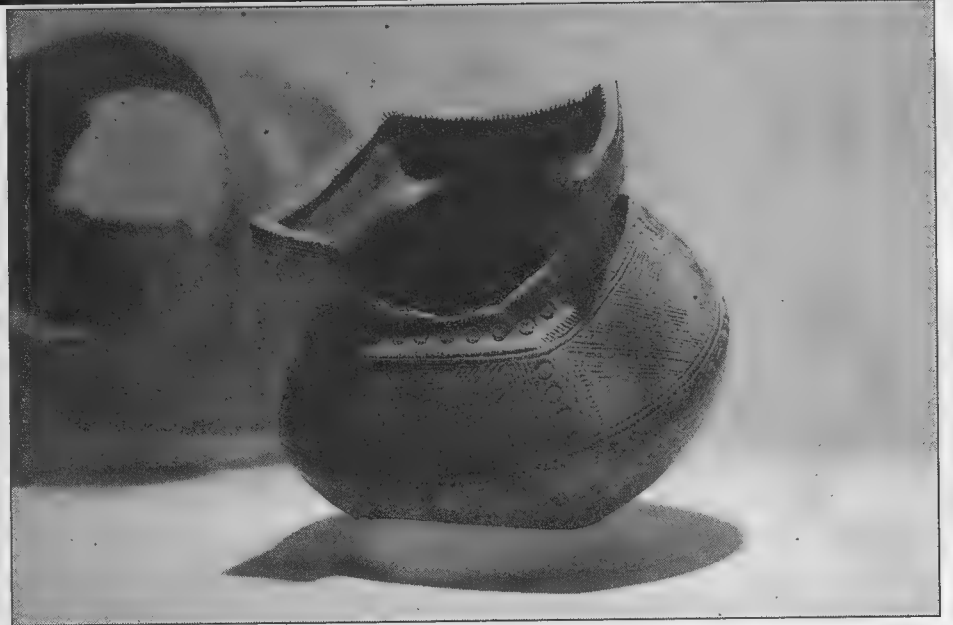
"The vast majority of men are not rapists, and the vast majority of men are not engaged in the conversation about how they can help prevent violence against women," he said.

"I also recognize that we spend a lot of time talking with women about violence prevention but not to the people who commit the violence: men."





Clockwise from left: This raven ham-saml (headress) plays a central role in rituals of the Wakáwakw-Gwaxgwakwalanuksiwé people, an 18-tribe nation in the Northwest; Sioux grizzly bear moccasins made with actual grizzly claws from the 19th century; this jar, donated by Luther Loomis, is dated anywhere from 1400-1550 and was found in Colchester, Vt. (Chris D. Dissinger/Fleming Museum)



## From relic to recent, Native American exhibit connects the ancient with the modern

### Fleming display commemorates late anthropology professor

By EMILY MAY  
*Cynic Correspondent*

October saw the opening of the Fleming Museum's "Native American Cultures" exhibit, in memorial of James B. Peterson, the UVM anthropology professor who died last year in Brazil.

A member of the Abenaki tribe described Peterson as a "friend of the Abenakis," a tribe represented in the exhibit by many early baskets and ceramic pots.

In addition to this media, the exhibit also features lithics, weavings, beadwork and carving.

A wide range of tribes are represented, with a large volume of artifacts from the Dakota and Lakota Sioux of North and South Dakota and the Navajos of Arizona and New Mexico, as well as the Abenakis of Vermont.

Perhaps the most revealing means of classifying this collec-

tion of art, however, is not by tribe or medium, but chronology.

Beginning with the monochromatic pottery of the Quapaws of modern-day Arkansas dating to the 9th century C.E., the collection includes pieces from throughout the second millennium, continuing through the 20th century.

Some of the most fascinating pieces were created in the 19th century by the Sioux and Crow tribes of Montana, and document a transformation of native peoples' way of life.

A pair of Sioux beaded grizzly bear moccasins from the 1870s, worn to designate a special tribal distinction, notably by the chief Medicine Bear, include European wool and metal, indicative of a trade relationship of the era.

Both a Crow woman's buffalo robe and an Iroquois pouch from the same period feature intricate designs of glass beads, attained through European trade.

A bandolier bag from the Ojibwes of the Northern Midwest is not only covered in glass beads but is also modeled after 18th



The exhibit features other tools from everyday life: this buffalo robe, parflechs and blankets (Chris D. Dissinger/Fleming Museum)

century European ammunition bags.

These are revelatory of the changing nature of the Natives' way of life that would soon be altered drastically by the continual invasion of the land by Europeans.

The debilitating effect the Europeans would eventually have on the Natives is exemplified in Navajo textiles. Making

blankets woven from wool from their own flock of sheep, the Navajo nomadic way of life ended in 1868 when its people were forced onto reservations by the U.S. government.

This change is reflected in the very design of the blankets: one from the early 19th century uses colored stripes to denote a young boy and his horse, whereas a blanket from the 1960s uses

complex geometric patterns as representative of a city, commenting of the altered state of tribal life.

While the tragedy of the Native history is evident in the exhibit, the rich culture that exists today is also well represented. Demonstrative of this continuing wealth of heritage are the 20th-century baskets from the Lower Klamath River Valley of Northern California featuring geometric designs and made from traditional materials of willow, maidenhair fern, bean grass and cedar.

A prominent contemporary Native artist, Kay WalkingStick of the Cherokee tribe, looked to traditionally stretched hide forms as inspiration for her 1975 painting "Captured Chimera," which she painted while living in New York City. This effectively captures the dichotomy presented to the modern Native American people by both the modern U.S. and its history.

The full range of artifacts and history are on display at the Fleming Museum until the end of the semester.

### Exhibit gives new meaning to old scrap

By JOHN LANDRY  
*Cynic Correspondent*

"Artifact," a new exhibit at Pine Street Art Works, opened Friday night to a sparse crowd. Directors of the exhibit, Liza Cowan and Christy Mitchell, have assembled a collection of items salvaged from various places around Burlington as well as pieces of art by local artists.

The collection is varied and includes everyday items such as the glass beads made by local Madelyn Erb and vintage items like a 1917 poster from Spain advertising perfume.

But some of the "artifacts" created by local artists had more practical, everyday uses. One of the more interesting parts of the exhibit was a collection of lamps made from old radios and cameras by Christy Mitchell, whose work has also appeared on Home and Garden Television.

Similarly, Paige Russell's pieces featured boldly-colored

## Putting the art in artifact



Nick Gingrow, above, examines the black and white photography (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

lamps—made from Tupperware—reminiscent of typical 1960s house décor. Russell also contributed her pottery to the exhibit, which included candle holders and, to keep the theme going, vessels for food and liquid storage.

Local furniture makers like John B. Marius and Stew Design Workshop had items in the exhibit as well. One of Marius' most interesting pieces (though maybe uncomfortable) is a chair created from the seat of an old farm tractor.

The "Artifact" exhibit featured photography too. Keeping with the theme of human relics, Gary Hall's stunning black and white photographs captured the unlikely beauty of objects like shafts in quarries and spools for winding electrical wire.

Scattered amidst the artwork were time worn objects like old windowpanes, a door with chipped paint, a porthole from a yacht and a metal Chinese

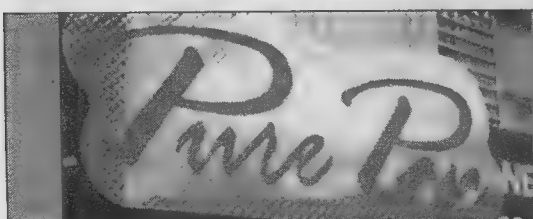


A shoe is made from salvaged scraps (Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

checkers board, to name a few.

Even the gallery itself is an artifact. Pine Street Art Works' space previously belonged to the A.L. Whiting factory, and a table remnant from the company's production space was on display. The table, from the factory (which made bristles from natural fibers like animal hair), exemplifies how the seemingly mundane can become an artifact of Americana.

"Artifact" runs through December. For more information visit Pine Street Art Works at 404 Pine St. or online at <http://www.pinestreetartworks.com>.



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# Prasanna sounds interesting, literally

## Musician shreds Indian music—with a Les Paul guitar

By PUTNEY SWOPE  
*Cynic Correspondent*

On Nov. 4 the pianos of the Southwick Recital Hall were rolled away to make room for a concert very much out of the ordinary setting of the wood-and-concrete music hall.

"The good news is I'm not going to do Guns and Roses," joked Prasanna in a thick Indian accent. "I'm going to stay with what I've been doing and play a very sweet composition ..."

Prasanna's musical pursuits started when he was 10 years old in India, where he took up the guitar. He began playing in local bands, covering classic rock acts like KISS, Santana and Scorpions (to name a few), and was subsequently hired to play on Indian movie soundtracks.

After completing a bachelor's degree in naval architecture, Prasanna became a software engineer, only to quit that job and attend the stateside Berklee



Mahadeven, left, and Prasanna communicate with eye contact while on stage Southwick Recital Hall (Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

School of Music, where he studied jazz and Western classical music.

The fact is, Prasanna could shred up G'n'R's entire catalogue better than Slash himself.

At last week's performance, however, Prasanna presented a concert in the custom of his native South Indian classical music, called Carnatic music. Its

forms are based on ancient precepts of rhythm, melody and song structure and are traditionally played on instruments indigenous to South India.

Though he adheres to the conventions of Carnatic music, Prasanna plays an instrument considered unconventional by classical Indian standards—the Les Paul.

Joined by Lakshman Mahadevan on mridangam (a South Indian drum similar to its northerly cousin, the tabla) Prasanna performed exclusively classical compositions except for "Bowling for Peas," a piece that highlighted Prasanna's diverse musical background.

The electric guitar proved to lend itself well to the microtonal

qualities of Carnatic music, and Prasanna's subtle use of effects provided textures otherwise unheard of in a traditional setting.

Mahadevan cautiously stayed the course of rhythmic formulas, at times sounding like an Indian version of "Wipeout" and, together with Prasanna, made frequent eye contact.

Often, it seemed as if the two were speaking to one another through their playing.

For Prasanna, communication is integral to the music he plays. "It's like jazz: if you take jazz as a language, it can work anywhere," he explains. "If you take jazz as a style, then people are always fighting with each other, right?"

"Carnatic music is similar. As a style it's traditional, but as a language it's not, Prasanna says."

This concept no doubt pervades the work of Prasanna whose latest album is entitled "Electric Ganesha Land."

"It's actually a tribute to Hendrix," reveals Prasanna. "It's kind of wailed-out rock guitar but it has only Carnatic percussion."

One thing is for sure, Prasanna has some experience.

## "Borat" Reviewed: High Five!

### Controversial film lives up to the hype on opening weekend

STAFF REPORT

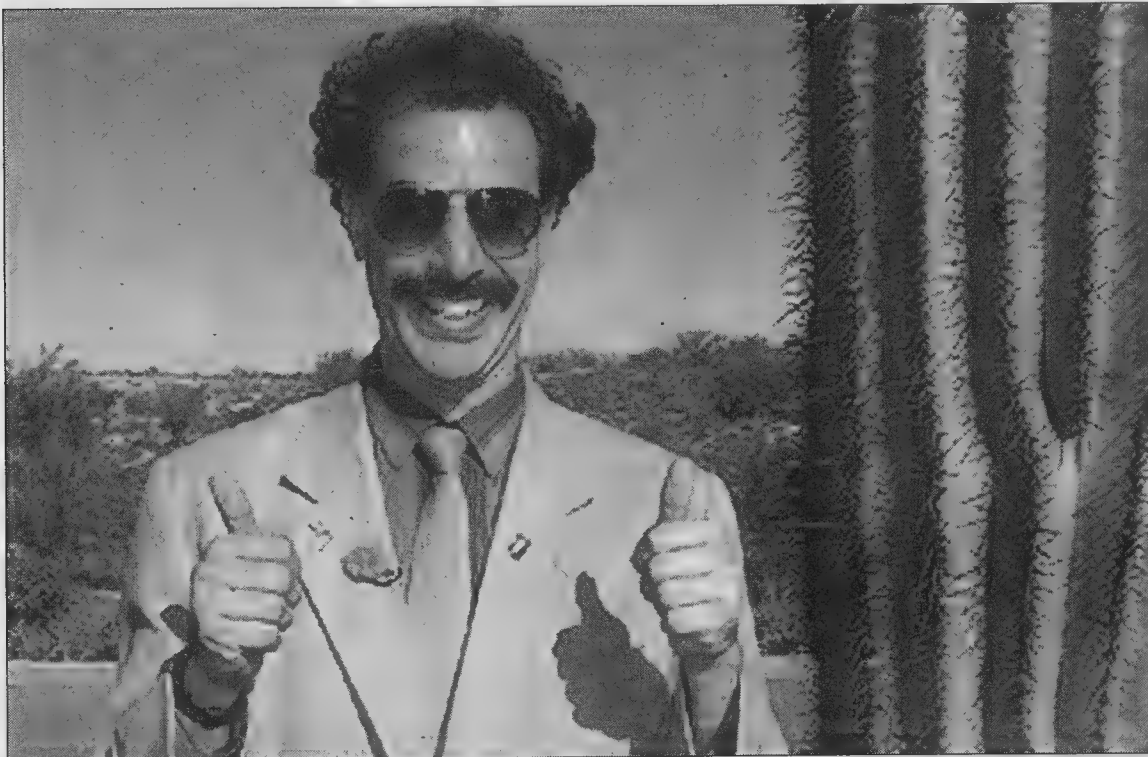
Gloriously politically incorrect, Sacha Baron Cohen's first headlining performance is "Nihihiice."

Bible Belt and Middle America, interviewing their unassuming victims of satire.

In Tennessee, Borat ignores warnings that he looks too much like a terrorist and sings his version of the "Star Spangled Banner" at a rodeo, informing the crowd that he and Kazakhstan support America's "war of terror." Later, Borat shares his hope with the crowd that George Bush

Learnings" seemingly prejudice surface, Cohen, an Oxford University graduate, is actually commenting on the prejudice of others. Some of the things Borat's subjects say in response to his faux bigotry are often disturbing and even appalling, eliciting squirms and gasps from the audience.

At one point, Borat interviews a man who tells him a



Borat doses America with edgy and astute humor that's worth two thumbs up (courtesy, 20th Century Fox)

A clueless Kazak reporter, Borat is sent by his government to New York City (where he wields a jar of gypsy tears that he claims will protect him from AIDS) to film a documentary, but gets sidetracked when he sees Pamela Anderson on a "Baywatch" rerun. From there, it's clear what he has to do: travel to California and marry her.

On the way to California (where, apparently, Pearl Harbor and Texas are located), Borat and his chubby cohort Azamat (Ken Davitian) travel through the

will drink the blood of every Iraqi.

It's not for the easily offended, but "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" will make you cackle uncontrollably if you have even the smallest funny bone.

Borat's loveable ignorance made the packed theater hoot, howl and even cry. But more often than not, the laughter was directed at the ignorance of Borat's interviewees.

Despite "Cultural

9mm is the best gun for killing Jews, and an encounter with a band of South Carolinian frat brothers is downright disturbing.

But, if you don't get the point, you are probably as narrow-minded as the bigots Borat exposes.

"Cultural Learnings" is a brave and riotous comedy that may offend your grandparents, but it's a small price to pay for the catch phrases in broken English that will rage through college campuses for the next year.

## Post-apocalyptic "Macbeth" opens

### Apparently, Armageddon can't stop a Shakespeare classic

By STEPHEN R. HAUMANN  
*Features Editor*

On opening night, Nov. 1, the UVM Theatre Department presented Shakespeare's immortal and immoral "Macbeth." As opening nights often are, "Macbeth" was a witch's brew of giddiness, static-crackling excitement and nervousness.

However, by the time Malcolm (played to a stellar degree by sophomore Londonite Ted Nagel) brought the final curtain down with his coronation as King of Scotland, Shakespeare was surely not rolling over in his tomb. Indeed, it's not hard to imagine that Wednesday night's presentation would have left a smile on old Will's face.

Interestingly, director Peter Tkatch put a new twist on Shakespeare's classic.

"I decided to set the play not in Jacobean times but in a timeless, war-torn, battle-scarred, economically depleted world after some supposed cataclysmic event," Tkatch stated in the playbill. Costumes fit the post-apocalyptic scene, with black military tunics and matching berets replacing traditional pre-Renaissance clothing. The elaborate set also matched the depraved, hopeless mood.

Tkatch's selection of weaponry included both modern guns as well as polished swords reminiscent of the Middle Ages, making for a confusing combi-

nation and a strange outlier in an otherwise well conceived rendition of "Macbeth." It seemed like Tkatch went to the very precipice of fulfilling his idea, but simply refused to jump.

The swordplay culminated in the final battle scene between Macbeth and Macduff with a brilliantly executed finale (including some WWF-style fighting).

Nitpicking aside, the acting itself was generally well done. Act 1 lacked some emotional energy and tended to fall flat, but the explosive second half kept the audience on their toes and more than made up for a questionable beginning.

Actors finally filled their roles during Act 2 — most notably Macbeth, played by recent graduate Will Todisco. Lady Macbeth, played by Jessica Hodge, was a convincing highlight of the otherwise spotty first act.

While the major roles stepped into the spotlight with excellence, some of the minor parts weren't up to par. Freshman David Archer recited his lines stiffly, as if he was reading, making a weak Donalbain. And the Three Witches (Leandra Brixey, Hayley Smith and Caitlin Bayer), typically a highlight of Macbeth performances, were unconvincing.

Opening night jitters aren't uncommon and even the more poorly played roles have the opportunity to shine before the closing of the play on Nov. 12.

Worth the cost of admission to get a taste of one director's take on a classic, UVM's production of "Macbeth" was anything but a blip on the University's excellent theater program.



UVM's playbill for "Macbeth"



## Living sideways

With Claire Cohen

When teenagers enter the crazy, oh-so-critical world of dating, their lives suddenly become a mess of clothes, makeup, insecurities, and wishful thinking around the assumed thoughts of the opposite sex.



Claire Cohen

But this "necessary" world is not as easy as just dressing up, getting noticed, and getting married.

It's more like playing the original "Super Mario Brothers" on Nintendo for the first time, sitting in a dark room on a wood

**When it comes to a hook-up...absence is the worst thing for your confidence—and your libido**

floor: It's new, it's uncomfortable, and each level gets harder and harder to figure out.

As the years go by, playing "games" becomes a predominant aspect of the dating/mating process. Whether you're a guy or a girl, gay or straight, young or old, you still play games. The only difference is that the game, in terms of experience and expertise, changes from Super Mario to chess.

There's a guy that I've been hooking up with on and off since this past April; let's call him Columbus. In the beginning, he knew I liked him and I knew he was interested. Then, of course, the exciting High Interest Stage turned into the annoying Not Talking Stage.

We've all heard, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but when it comes to a hook-up, especially one that you like, absence is the worst thing for your confidence—and your libido.

However, being the optimist that I am, I couldn't resist his sly charm and witty one-liners, even if it was usually alcohol-induced on both ends. The captivation led me to continue answering his calls over the summer, even though he lived hundreds of miles away.

That's not to say I'm not guilty of making a few calls myself.

After returning to school, I found his ambivalent tactics and refusal to show emotion way too confusing and stressful to continue with, despite his minimal efforts to convince me that he meant well. Even so, I never officially ended anything with him. It was more like it was my turn to successfully hit one of his battle-ships.

Columbus never did get to discover anything when it came to me. He played one too many games and lost.

With guys and girls in college, when it comes to playing games, it's all one big game of chess.

The question is: When should we slide into checkmate, or just move a pawn?

# UVM steps toward action

Proposed safe-walk/ride programs contingent on student support

By CHRISTINA TODD  
Staff Writer

Even on the brightest nights, many students at UVM fear walking alone after dark.

This fear, which affects students living both on and off campus, is an issue that has been brought to the forefront after the recent tragedy involving the death of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

The question now is where does the University go from here? How can UVM make sure that students not only feel safe, but are safe after dark?

Recently, Benway's Taxi Service and Friendly Fare Taxi Service began accepting CatScratch as a payment method in an attempt to get students to take a cab rather than walk alone.

Another proposal is the creation of a safe-walk or safe-ride program. Although the idea was brought up before the Gardner-Quinn incident, it has recently gained recognition by both UVM Police Services and the Women's Center.

Transfer student James Barris teamed up with Clarissa Gottshall, a sophomore at UVM and the coordinator of the Community

**"It wouldn't matter if there were one, two, or 20 people calling for a ride or walk home. If they didn't feel safe we wouldn't turn them away"**

-sophomore James Barris

Service Scholarships Program, to spearhead a meeting on Thursday Oct. 26 to discuss details.

Representatives from each InterResidence Association, Men Advocating Change, and the

Student Government Association attended. In addition, UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis, and Brenda Tetrault, a UVM officer, were there to show their support.

According to Margolis, this is not a new idea for the University. While attending UVM in the 1980s, Margolis served as a member of CatPatrol, a student organization that provided campus safety, including safe rides home, in addition to Police Services. With the start of the bus and CatCard systems, there was no longer a need for the service.

Although there were attempts both in 1998 and 2001 to restart a similar service, there were problems with staffing as well as recruiting enough interest among students. No newly-interested students attended the meeting.

The basic premise of the program is a hotline that students, faculty and staff could call if they didn't feel safe walking after dark.

"It would be for anyone who didn't feel safe. It wouldn't matter if there were one, two, or 20 people calling for a ride or walk home, Barris said. "If they didn't feel safe we wouldn't turn them away."

"If you have the interest, it won't be hard to find money to make it happen," Margolis told students at the meeting. He also said that there is still a radio frequency available for dispatchers and volunteers if the program were to become reality.

As for the issue of volunteers, Tetrault suggested that UVM could work in conjunction with Champlain College. Since Champlain has a Criminal Justice program, working for a safe-walk or safe-ride service could perhaps be considered an internship for those students.

Other suggestions included working with the Athletics



Is it safe to walk alone at night? (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

Department or allowing students who find themselves in disciplinary trouble with the University to work off their punishment rather than receive a fine.

Many suggestions were made, but the consensus was that nothing could be done until it was determined whether this was a service in which UVM students would be interested.

When asked if this was an idea that seemed plausible, Matt Tosi, a junior at UVM, said

he probably would not use the service. "I don't think I would call the hotline, but if I saw a bus while I was out after dark I would probably jump on it."

**If you are interested in getting involved with starting a Safe-Walk or Safe-Ride service at UVM, contact:**

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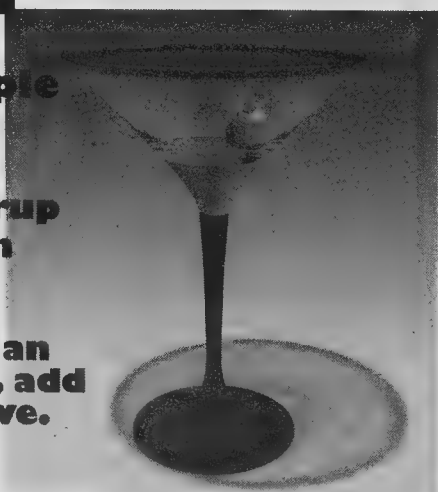
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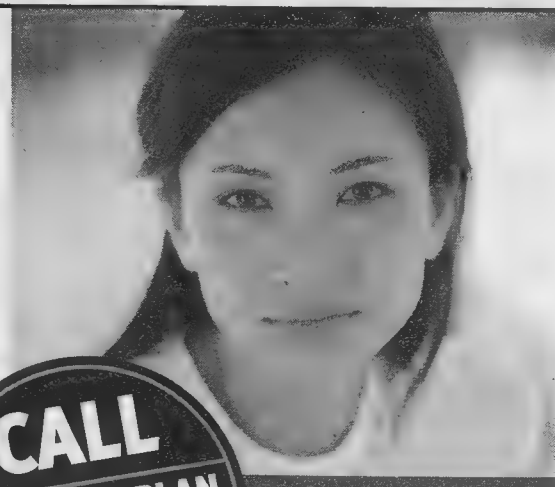
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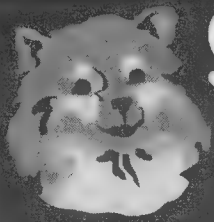
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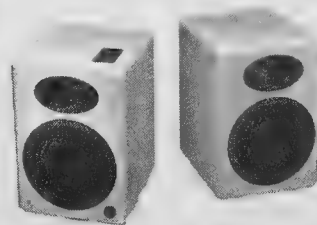
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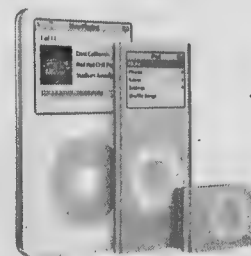
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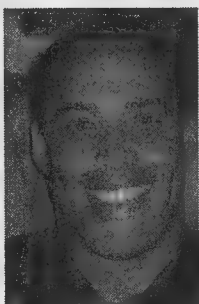
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Don is one of the nation's leading educators and advocates for the prevention of men's violence against women. Don's discussion will be interactive and will focus on strategies for students to end all forms of violence; including, school violence and gender violence prevention strategies. Males are especially encouraged as a way to take a proactive stance in the effort to stop men's violence against women.

November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm, Ira Allen Chapel



Jason Zelesky, M.Ed., Asst. Dean of Students: Wellness Outreach Coordinator, Clark University

Jason is the Associate Dean of Students and Wellness Outreach Coordinator at Clark University in Worcester, MA. Jason's lecture and discussion will focus on the social and cultural influences that shape "what it mean to be a man" and the development of masculine identity.

November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm,  
Waterman 413



Tom Schiff, Ed.D. Community Health & Patient Educator University of Massachusetts Amherst

"Healthy Guys or Guise" Tom's lecture and discussion will focuses on traditional notions of masculinity and associated health risk. Tom states that "men tend to live less healthy lifestyles than women, including men in college." He asks, as a man do you participate in unhealthy behaviors such as driving after drinking, binge drinking and fighting? You may be buying into an unhealthy concept of masculinity. This talk will look at these dynamics, and explore ways to create healthy change for individuals and communities.

November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm - Waterman 413

Attendees are eligible for Nalgene bottles and tickets to ALGEBARS (Burlington's only PC game center)

For additional details and information, contact: Keith E. Smith, Men's Outreach Coordinator, 802-656-3340 or keith.smith@uvm.edu



## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Poor reception of Steve Irwin costume factor in sophomore's decision to double major in chemistry and political science

Jeremy Thompson held a small press conference in his dorm room late in the evening on Sunday, Nov. 5, to declare his formal decision to double-major. His roommate, Reggie Smith was the only one present to hear the news and react to it.

"Honestly, I was a little shocked," Smith recollected. "I totally pegged him as more of studio art major." When asked if Smith supported Thompson's decision despite his initial surprise, he replied; "Sure, it was just a pain having to listen to him make his speech when I was trying to sleep."

Thompson cited three reasons for his decision in his speech. "It's taken me a long time to come to this conclusion, but it began on Halloween," he said with a calculated pause.

Thompson dressed up as the late Steve Irwin, better known as the "Crocodile Hunter." "I had the khaki-colored safari clothes, shaggy hair and the Australian accent down to an art," he said. "I even made the wound from the stingray in my chest."

At the ΔIK house, the fraternity that he is pledging for, Thompson said he almost got into a fight with a brother who said his costume "was messed up, tasteless, real messed up." Thompson says he knew he had really made a social transgression when he heard the rest of the brothers chanting "Steve Irwin is our hero!" as he left.

Thompson said he got compliments on the costume as he walked home to go to bed, "but they were little consolation." He reports that he was upset by the incident and only got into a better mood on Wednesday during his intro Chemistry lab.

"I stayed to finish this experiment and as I was involved in the salt precipitation stage, I realized that I could fashion a killer bong out of one of those Erlenmeyer flasks, a burette, some tubing and the vacuum pump."

Thompson said he knew that this was something he could do for the rest of his life.

The next day, in his Foreign Policy class, Thompson said the mock-Security Council debate made him want to be a political science major too.

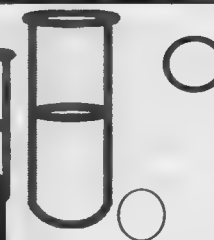
"You know, stuff in the mid-east is a bummer, and no one can seem to solve it, but in our mock council, we set things straight and did it right."

Student delegates representing the Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds were quick to agree peace was the best option in Iraq and they voted to suspend all religious beliefs "until things settled down."

Thompson said both classes were so great he "couldn't not major in them." He formally thanked Steve Irwin in his declaration speech since, "without the controversy over the costume" he never would have found such joy in these subjects.



## UVM Research



Working to develop a cure for cancer begins with research, such as that being done by the University of Vermont

### Senior's thesis project aims to develop drugs that help fight cancer

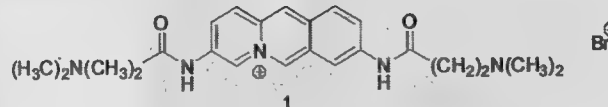
By JAMES STEVENS

Senior Sean Haggerty is working with emeritus professor Dr. A. Paul Krapcho to synthesize an organic molecule that may possess great cancer-fighting potential.

Haggerty's thesis project is to develop cancer fighting drugs and has been approved by the College Honors Committee.



James Stevens



Haggerty's target molecule

Haggerty described his research as working with DNA replication. Telomeres are the tips of DNA that protect it from problems arising during replication. With each round of DNA replication, our telomeres are shortened slightly, eventually leading to a loss of functional genes.

Haggerty explains that "this interplay between the loss and preservation of telomere length

has been likened to a biological clock.

"If telomerase maintains stable telomere lengths, a cell can survive infinite rounds of cell division; essentially, this is cancer."

Due to their chemical nature, unpaired telomeric strands often form tangled complexes that inhibit the binding of telomerase.

Haggerty's thesis project aims to synthesize a molecule

that will stabilize the tangled complexes of telomeric DNA, to preventing the binding of telomerase.

"Any molecule that prevents or limits the activity of telomerase is a potential anticancer agent," Haggerty said.

Haggerty's project seeks to synthesize molecules that may stabilize the structure of telomeric DNA and also to evaluate the efficacy of telomerase-inhibition for synthesized molecules.

**Heard of some interesting research going on at UVM?**  
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# ECO - MIND Concerning 'Eco-Cups'

By ASHLEY HALL

I'm a big fan of coffee. It's a warm and comforting way to prepare for the day's long line of academic trials. I often see students marching down the street towards class, holding up their paper cup like a shield against the tide. You'd think everyone was running at them with a spear, the way they clutch the damn thing.

I'm not so fond, however, of the impact resulting from students' coffee consumption pat-



Ashley Hall

terns. Unless you fill'er up with your eyes closed, you will probably have noticed a recent change in cup design. This is the result of Green Mountain Coffee Roasters (GMCR) initiative with International Paper to unveil a new cup made with a bio-plastic liner. Regular paper cups are manufactured with petroleum-derived plastic, but these babies use corn—a renewable resource. Or is it?

First of all, think about this logically. Unless GMCR has some sort of black market access to massive amounts of organic corn, there is an enormous input of petroleum-derived synthetic fertilizers and pesticides that goes into growing conventional corn. The U.S. is currently in the midst of a corn glut, where farmers who need to pay the bills find they cannot get much money for the corn they have been coerced into planting by giants such as Cargill, ADM and Monsanto.

These companies are responsible for supplying corporations with the raw materials needed to make such healthy fare as genetically modified canola oil, preservatives, food coloring and high fructose corn syrup. The glut is also partly responsible for why most U.S. livestock is being force-fed corn, a diet their body cannot handle.

They become ill and require the antibiotics that are causing such a concern about hormone disruptors. Well, good, you say,

at least some excess corn is being offset into cups. Well, no, I say, because we're simply encouraging the increase in supply by increasing demand, and creating legitimacy for an environmentally-corrupt situation by incorporating it into an 'eco-cup'.

I do not know where the corn is being sourced from, but the sheer volume of cups as well as dealings with International Paper, a corporation not exactly known for sustainable practices, would suggest that it is not from small family farms. The amount of water required to produce these cups is questionable. I wouldn't know, because GMCR never answered the inquiry I sent them in August.

GMCR's press release declares that the new cup "after use, and under the proper conditions, will break down into water, carbon dioxide and organic matter."

This is the part that really gets to me. The proper conditions, most likely meaning in the presence of oxygen and sunlight, DO NOT occur in a landfill! And where do you think UVM is sending these blessed chalices of caffeine? I'll give you a hint - it sure isn't the Intervale.

So, my fellow coffee drinkers, I give you this advice: break out your reusable mug, and take advantage of the 15 cent discount.

Ashley Hall is the president of the Vermont Student Environmental Program.

# Wormholes discovered in spin cycle

By KATHARINE HOPKINS

Dee Summers, a U-Heights resident and veteran clothes washer, recently survived the laundry room for the fifth time.

When the spin cycle finished, Summers retrieved her things from the vortex of cleanliness. She was shocked to find that previously paired socks had come out as singletons.

Dr. Martin Mortimer, professor of technological theory at UVM, suspects that wormholes play a key role in this phenomenon. "Somewhere there is a world populated entirely by socks and undergarments," he said.

As Summers extricated her wet entanglement of laundry, a hottie sophomore from North-1 entered the laundry room. She flashed a grin, though in her heart she was pained. "Each time I launder, I drop something on my way to the dryer," she said. "And consistently that something is a thong."

This case was no exception: as she lifted an armful of laundry, an enormous pair of panties plopped to the floor. Dr. Mortimer was unable to explain the frequency of this occurrence, though he hypothesized that it "happens to everyone."

For Summers, embarrassment is not the hardest part of

doing her laundry. "The first obstacle is simply getting to the machines," she said.

Like most campus residents, Summers tended to leave her laundry day till all her clothes had been worn.

"She was left with a single outfit she wore 'only as a last resort.' As mortifying as dressing like a hobo is, the true danger lay in her laundry bag; bloated with every article of clothing she owned.

For a short girl with the muscle-power of a hummus wrap, this burden turned the act of walking into an Olympic sport.

Though the laundry room should have been abandoned at 11 p.m., it was teeming with life and detergent. "It was difficult to remain optimistic," Summers said about the half hour wait. "But eventually I secured washer number four."

Tragically, five quarters were lost in a struggle with the machine before her CatScratch card was used.

One mortifying hour later, Summers opened the drier with relief, like a hiker who is no longer being pursued by bears.

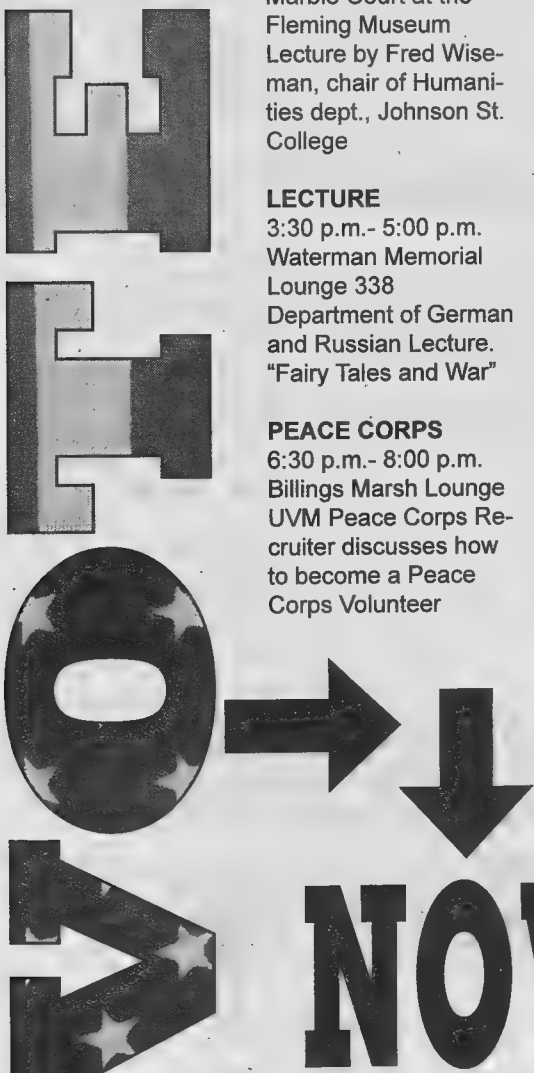
Unfortunately, as she reached into the machine she became aware that despite a full hour of drying, her laundry was still "partially damp."

Still, Summers says she will continue to do laundry. "I'm not going to give up," she said firmly. "I will master this trial. Some day all of my clothes will come out of the dryer dry!"



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## Lessons from St. Louis

Note to self: being at the World Series is fun even if it's not your team (the Red Sox) who wins.

OK, amendment to 'note to self': being at the World Series is fun as long as it's not the Yankees who win.

This recent wisdom is the result of my good fortune. Your faithful looper just happened to be in St. Louis a couple of weeks ago when the Cardinals won the World Series.

Not only did Chance land me in downtown St. Louis a mere four blocks from the new Busch Stadium, it also gave me a view of the stadium from my hotel window.

Not too shabby, when you consider that the reason I headed to the glorious Midwest wasn't even to go to the series. In fact, when the travel plans were booked, the Cardinals were still in jeopardy of missing out on the playoffs.

The 2006 champs boasted the lowest winning percentage of any previous World Series winner. Not only that, the team finished the season with a lowly 83 wins and nearly blew a 12-game lead in the process.

This is even more amazing considering this team has pound-for-pound one of the three best ballplayers in the league in Albert Pujols, Super-Slugger – probably the man with the best chance of hitting for the first Triple Crown since the 1970s.

But forget Pujols. The Man on this team is their mite-sized MVP, David Eckstein (5'7", if that), who did just short of everything (no pun intended) in helping the Cards win their 10<sup>th</sup> World Series, their first since 1982.

The Cards didn't just overcome their own shortcomings in winning the World Series; in going through Detroit they also had to beat the #2 Cinderella in all of baseball (yes, Cubs fans, that means you're #1).

In terms of mystique, it's hard to beat such a David (Eckstein) versus Goliath battle.

Thankfully the Cardinals won, turning the cloud of doubt and controversy surrounding the Tigers and their possibly-pine-tarred pitcher, Kenny Rogers, into a frenzy of fireworks and jubilation – the likes of which I had never seen before, and probably won't see for some time.

So when I hopped in the elevator with Tigers manager Jim Leyland before game five (he was staying on my floor, with some of the team) I really did want to say, "I'm rooting like hell for you." I kept myself from doing so, though, because that would've been a lie.

What I was really rooting for wasn't the Tigers and not necessarily for the Cardinals, but rather I was rooting for a St. Louis victory – on that once-in-a-lifetime chance to see a city turn on its head and start dancing in the streets.

And honking horns in the streets.

And maybe even having a drink or two, in the streets.

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

### Game of the Week

**San Diego at Cincinnati** – This will be a true test for the Chargers. While they have been playing better than the embattled Bengals, this game is being played in cold and windy Cincinnati and that will be hard for the warm weather Chargers. Expect to see Phillip Rivers struggle but with LT in the backfield don't count San Diego out. Final 30-27 San Diego.

### Best of the Rest

**NY Jets at New England** – The Jets will give New England a better game than most people expect just because of the intensity with which they play. But effort can only get you so far and in the Frozen Kingdom of Foxboro, Tom Brady is king. Final 27-17 New England.

**Washington at Philadelphia** – Coming off a bye week the Eagles will be looking to get back on the winning track. The Redskins will have to play perfect in every aspect of the game in order to stay with Philadelphia. Final 24-13 Philadelphia.

**Cleveland at Atlanta** – For the second week in a row the Falcons are playing an inferior opponent. They will have to watch out to not get caught looking ahead to their showdown in Baltimore. With talented players like QB Vick and RB Warrick Dunn on

the field, the Browns are in for a tough afternoon. Final 32-10 Atlanta.

**Kansas City at Miami** – The Dolphins have been terrible this season. After being tagged as a contender they have fallen off the football map. The Chiefs on the other hand were expected to fall off after QB Trent Green went out with an injury but have instead risen from the ashes on the shoulders of journeyman Damon Huard. Final 30-14 Kansas City.

**Green Bay at Minnesota** – The Packers have started to turn their season around behind QB Brett Favre. But going into Minnesota will be a very tough divisional game for them and the Vikings have been playing well enough to escape with the narrow victory. Final 24-20 Minnesota.

**San Francisco at Detroit** – This is a great opportunity for the Lions. They have one of the youngest and most inexperienced teams coming into their house. Look for Detroit to take advantage and come away with a big win. Final 27-13 Detroit.

**Buffalo at Indianapolis** – The Colts have played incredibly all season and will continue as long as Peyton Manning is behind center. Manning, unlike any other quarterback in the league, has willed his team to where they are at this point in the season. Final 32-10 Indianapolis.

**Baltimore at Tennessee** – This will be a rude awakening for

rookie Vince Young when he faces the tenacious Ravens defense. The only question mark coming into this game is how Baltimore's offense will play. But against the Titans' porous defense they will not have to do anything stellar. Final 17-6 Baltimore.

**Houston at Jacksonville** – The Jags will be fired up for this game and look to avenge a loss to the Texans in week seven. Houston has been putting up points the last couple of weeks but against the Jaguars defense that will be much harder, especially in Jacksonville. Final 20-10 Jacksonville.

**Denver at Oakland** – The Raiders have been giving teams a lot of trouble as of late but their offense has been horrific and will be eaten alive by the fierce Broncos defense. As long as Denver's offense does not turn the ball over the D will take care of scoring. Final 17-3 Denver.

**Dallas at Arizona** – The Cowboys seem like a new team with QB Tony Romo starting in place of Drew Bledsoe. In Arizona Romo will have a real chance to prove himself against a floundering Cardinals team that cannot seem to do anything right and at this point only has the number one pick in the draft to look towards. Final 24-14 Dallas.

**New Orleans at Pittsburgh** – The Steelers are reeling right now and it does not get any better against the feisty Saints. New Orleans will have to deal with the

cold of Pittsburgh but with their strong running game they will be able to put a final dagger in the Steelers season. Final 23-17 New Orleans.

**Chicago at NY Giants** – Many "experts" are saying this is the game the Bears will lose. But thus far this season Chicago has risen to every challenge and play better against better teams. The bone chilling wind of the Meadowlands will play right into the hands of MLB Brian Urlacher and his defensive running mates as they make a statement on the road to the entire league. Final 27-10 Chicago.

**Tampa Bay at Carolina** – At the beginning of the season this was pegged as the matchup of the NFC South's best teams. As it turns out these two teams are fighting just to stay within striking distance of the playoffs. The Bucs have experienced extreme turmoil this season but this game will be a chance to regain some swagger on Monday night with a massive upset. Final 24-20 Tampa Bay.

### Upset Special

**St. Louis at Seattle** – The last time these division rivals met, the Seahawks won on a last second field goal. In this game the Rams will have a great chance score the upset and to get a game back in the standings because of all the injuries Seattle is experiencing right now. Final 27-24 St. Louis.

\* Overall Record 67-33

## SCOREBOARD

### THIS WEEK AT UVM NOV. 7 - NOV. 13

Tuesday (Nov. 7)

Men's Basketball: @ Maryland  
vs. New Orleans 6:30 pm

Wednesday (Nov. 8)

Men's Basketball: @ Maryland  
vs. Maryland/Hampton TBA

Friday (Nov. 10)

Men's Hockey:  
@ Providence 7 pm

Women's Basketball:  
vs. UMass 7 pm

Saturday (Nov. 11)

Swimming:  
@ Drexel/Delaware 2 pm

Cross Country:  
@ NCAA Regional 11 am

Women's Hockey:  
vs. Northeastern 2 pm

Sunday (Nov. 12)

Women's Hockey:  
vs. Boston U. 4 pm

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (Win = W, Loss = L, Tie = T)

Tuesday (Oct. 31)

Men's Basketball:  
W - UVM 74, Concordia 50

Wednesday (Nov. 1)

Men's Soccer:  
W - UVM 1, UNH 0

Friday (Nov. 3)

Field Hockey:  
L - Boston U. 1, UVM 0

(results, cont.)

### Women's Hockey: L - St. Cloud 6, UVM 0

Saturday (Nov. 4)

Swimming:  
L - UNH 181, UVM 119

Men's Soccer:  
L - Binghamton 1, UVM 0 (OT)

Men's Basketball:  
W - UVM 81, St. Michael's 73

Women's Basketball:  
W - UVM 89, Carleton 29

Men's Hockey:  
L - BC 1, UVM 0

Women's Hockey:  
L - St. Cloud 6, UVM 0

Sunday (Nov. 5)

Men's Hockey:  
W - UVM 5, Ottawa 2

### TEAM RECORDS (thru Nov. 5)

Men's Soccer

8-6-4, 5-1-2 America East

(A-East Runner-up)

Field Hockey

11-8, 3-3 America East

(4th place, in playoffs)

Men's Hockey

2-4-1, 0-1-1 Hockey East

Women's Hockey

2-8-0, 0-4-0 Hockey East

Swimming

4-1, 1-1 America East

Men's Basketball

--- in preseason

Women's Basketball

--- in preseason

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Issues in Higher Education

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 7, 2006 – Ready to graduate? Sure. Robe? Check. Course requirements? Check. Future? Uh oh.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, North America's largest rental car company, has again been listed as one of the best places college graduates and young professionals can turn to for a promising career. The company recently earned the No. 5 spot on BusinessWeek's inaugural list of "Best Places to Launch a Career."

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# St. Cloud State bests women's hockey

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

The Vermont women's hockey team fell to the St. Cloud State Huskies 7-0 Friday night at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

The Huskies outplayed the Catamounts all game with the first goal coming from St. Cloud's Brittnei Kuyper in the fourth minute on an assist from Denelle Maguet.

The Huskies continued to dominate with clean passing and superior skating while Vermont had trouble with stick to stick passes, often missing and tripping over the puck.

"St. Cloud are good, quick skaters," head coach Tim Bothwell said. "It was a real adjustment we had to make to the opponent's pace, which left us less time to make our own plays."

St. Cloud added to their lead on two goals within a minute by Megan McCarthy and Holly Roberts with Brita Schroeder. Laura Fast and Hailey Clarkson each recording an assist.

The Huskies improved their lead to 4-0 on a goal by Caitlin Hogan assisted by Jenaca Fredheim and Fast with 12 seconds remaining in the first



Cats senior Ashley Keane (15) fights for the puck in Friday's game against St. Cloud State (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

period.

Again in the fourth minute of the second period, St. Cloud's Amy Currier put the puck past Catamount goal keeper Shivaun

Siegl off an assist from Tricial Fast and Abby Krause to increase the lead to an almost insurmountable 5-0.

"The game was tough," said

UVM junior Karen Sentoff. "We tried to carry over our composure from last week's games and use the confidence from coming off two wins but we just couldn't

tonight."

Fast recorded her first goal of the game at the 16:47 mark of the second period off assists from Kuyper and Krause ending the period with score 6-0 in favor of the Huskies.

The third period saw an increase in Vermont's aggressiveness and an improvement in the Cat's overall stick handling.

"Everyone was really down in the locker room," freshman Chelsea Furlani said. "We were pissed and we just decided to get it together and come out on the ice, stepping it up with as much energy as we could."

While Vermont improved their intensity they were not able to find the back of the net and conceded yet another goal to St. Cloud in the final five minutes of the game.

The game ended with St. Cloud outshooting Vermont 38-3 as the Huskies improve to 4-6-1 on the season. With the loss, the Cats fall to 2-7-0 on the season.

"We're capable of a lot more than what was shown today," Sentoff said. "We're going to come off the energy of the third period and use it to start off strong in the future."

## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Joe Trapani - Men's Basketball



In his first game as a Catamount Trapani, a forward, scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as UVM cruised past Concordia University. In Saturday's game against St. Michael's Trapani scored a team-high 25 points in UVM's 81-74 victory.

Did we miss your player of the week?  
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## Men's soccer falls in A-East final

By NICK DECARO  
and  
DAKOTA RUBIN

The second-seeded Vermont men's soccer team failed to capture their fourth America East title and first since 2000 in a heartbreaking game against the Binghamton Bearcats in the conference championship game.

After 90 minutes of scoreless soccer the game went into overtime and looked like it might go to a shootout. But Binghamton was awarded a penalty kick with 58 seconds remaining in the first overtime period after a tripping foul in the far corner of the penalty box.

The Bearcats' Barry Neville converted the PK to give top-seeded Binghamton their second championship in four years and a trip to the NCAA tournament.

"We gave a great effort today and I felt we deserved a better result. It is a tough way to lose a championship game," said head coach Jesse Cormier. "I am extremely proud of our team as the program made big strides forward this season. Nearly everyone of the roster returns and I feel the future is very bright."

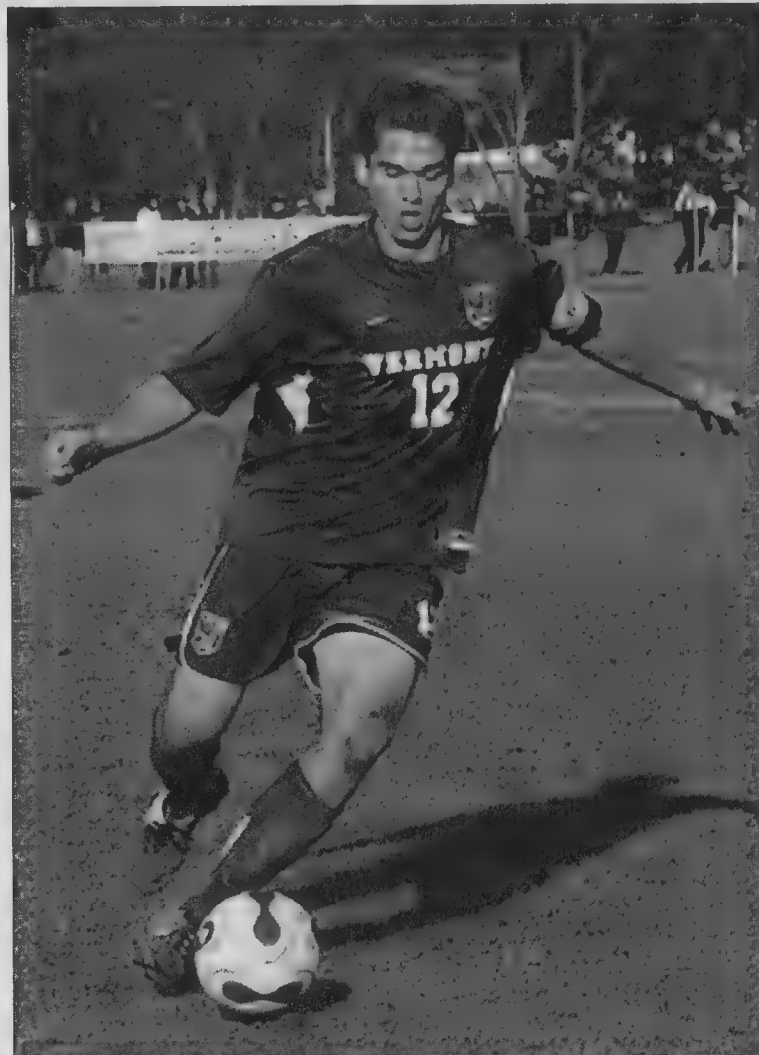
The game was the last for Vermont seniors Corey Bronner and Chris Scherbel. The Cats end the season with a 9-7-2 record and a 5-1-2 record in conference play.

#### Semifinals

The Catamounts defeated the third-seed UNH Wildcats 1-0 in the semifinals of the America East tournament on Wednesday afternoon.

Vermont struck at the 10-minute mark when sophomore Jordan Crasilneck sent a free kick into the box. Freshman T.J. Gore flicked the ball over to sophomore Lee Stephane Kouadio who headed the ball home past the outstretched arms of UNH's Brian Levey.

The goal was Kouadio's third of the season and gave Vermont an early 1-0 advantage.



Senior captain Corey Bronner with the ball against Binghamton (David Scherbel)

"Lee has put it together and is starting to emerge. I'm proud of him," coach Jesse Cormier said. "Scoring early is important; it gets the other team on their heels and takes a little pressure off."

UNH nearly answered in the 35th minute. A throw into the box was volleyed towards the goal where UNH's Mike Davis took a sliding shot that bounced inches wide of the far post.

Junior goalkeeper Roger Scully made four saves in route to his eighth shutout of the season. In the 77th minute Scully skyed over a UNH attacker and snatched the ball away preventing a goal

and keeping the Wildcats off the board.

"It feels good, everyone is happy," Kouadio said after the game. "We kept our focus and worked hard to get into this position."

"It is an exciting feeling to reach the finals," junior co-captain Panos Georgiadis said after the 1-0 win. "We were able to stay ahead and keep the lead in a close game which is important."

In the other semifinal the Bearcats survived on penalty kicks (6-5) over fifth-seed Boston University after playing to a 1-1 tie in regulation and overtime.



# Cats handle Concordia



UVM freshman Joe Trapani (12) goes up strong toward the basket in the Cats' exhibition game against Concordia University. Trapani had 18 points and 11 boards in his first game, helping to lead the Cats to a 74-50 win Tuesday night (Roger Riniker/Athletic Communications)

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

The Vermont men's basketball team opened the 2006 season on All Hallows' Eve with an exhibition victory over Canada's Concordia University 74-50 in front of a costume-laden crowd at Patrick Gymnasium.

The first opportunity of the season for the Cats to play against an opponent other than themselves saw freshman Joe Trapani step up in a big way and give Cats fans a lot to look forward to this season.

Trapani, who was a McDonald's All-American nominee last season, led the Cats with 18 points and also added 11 rebounds.

"I thought Joe had a great game," head coach Mike Lonergan said. "We are going to need Joe to contribute this year as a freshman and he will play a lot, so I was happy to see him do well."

While Vermont got the victory, it was obviously preseason as the Cats committed 13 turnovers in

the first half before tightening up their play, only giving the ball away four times in the second half.

"It was a little more sloppy than I expected in the first half," Lonergan said after the game. "[We] couldn't finish inside for whatever reason. It kind of made for an ugly game for a while."

Senior Chris Holm, who had 11 points with 14 boards, and sophomore Colin McIntosh, who finished with 11 points, joined Trapani in double figures.

"Chris Holm had a fabulous preseason, he has really been our best player," Lonergan said. "It was a little disappointing that he was not able to finish tonight. He did a great job rebounding the ball, but I thought he could have easily had 18, 20 points if he made the baskets that he has been making in preseason."

After leading 34-27 at halftime, the Cats turned up the pressure in the second half to take control of the game.

Missing for a lot of the second half was the commanding

presence of Trimboli who was 3-for-9 from the field for six points in only 21 minutes due to foul trouble. He eventually fouled out with 10:41 remaining.

"In a normal game I would not have played Mike Trimboli with four fouls, but I was trying to get a good experience out of it," Lonergan said. "I said 'Hey listen, I am going to play you because there might be a game where you're one of our best players and you have to play with four.' It was kind of good to play without him in case we might have to."

In the minutes following Tromboli's exit, the Catamounts put away the game with a 9-3 run sparked by back-to-back three pointers by Trapani and co-captain Kyle Cieplicki to give Vermont a 60-44 lead with just over six minutes remaining.

The Catamounts begin their regular season on Tuesday when they play New Orleans in the first round of the Maryland region of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

## Lady Cats rout Carleton

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

University of Vermont women's basketball team concluded their preseason schedule by scorching the visiting Ravens of Carleton University 89-29 at Patrick Gym.

The Catamounts used a combination of stifling defense (24 steals) and sizzling offense (60 percent shooting) to thoroughly dominate the Canadian school.

Thanks in large part to senior co-captain Brittney Cross's exception overall performance (eight points, five assists, nine steals in 21 minutes) and sophomore guard Sy Janousek's game-high 15 points (3-4 from beyond the arc) the Catamounts will head into the regular season on a winning note.

"It was great to see our young kids come through strong and

dominate from start to finish," head coach Sharon Dawley said. "Everyone brought their 'A' game today."

Offensively, the Cats used a 20-0 run to break the game open. The Cats went on to shoot 60 percent from the field in the first stanza, entering halftime with a comfortable 42-19 lead.

Although the Cats maintained their prolific shooting pace, it was their aggressive defensive play that was most remarkable.

The Cats relied on heavy defensive pressure and hustle to close passing lanes, contest shots and beat the Ravens to loose balls. The Catamounts held Carleton to just ten second half points.

"Defense is something we really pride ourselves on," said Cross. "It's something we work hard at and try to be aggressive with."

On top of 24 steals the Cata-

mounts collected eight blocks, while forcing an astounding 33 turnovers - the Cats scored 44 points off of these turnovers.

The blowout was paced by the sharp-shooting of sophomore Janousek (15 points, 6-10 FG) and the dominant post play of Amy Rosenkrantz (12 points, 6-7 FG). Senior co-captain Alison Brown also finished in double figures with 11 points and seven rebounds.

"I think we're going to do very well," Dawley said of this year's squad. "There's a lot of talent, very good chemistry and there's good leadership. I have really high expectations and am really excited for this year."

The Catamounts will look to translate their stellar preseason play into the regular season as they welcome Massachusetts to the Patrick Gym in the season opener on Friday, Nov. 10.

## Bittersweet finish

Field hockey ends regular season with win but fall to BU in playoffs

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

The University of Vermont field hockey team beat the University of Rhode Island Rams 4-1 on senior day in the season finale at Moulton Winder Field, but lost at the hands of Boston University 1-0 in the first round of the America East playoffs on Friday to end their season.

The Terriers scored the lone goal of the contest 18:04 into the game when Hayley Hamada put back a rebound past Cats goalie Kristen Heavens.

Redshirt freshman Heavens kept Vermont in the game by making a career high 13 saves.

The loss wraps up the Catamounts most successful season in school history with a record of 11-8 and 3-2 in America East play. The 11 wins is the

second most in school history and this is the third year in the last five that the Cats have made the America East tournament.

"Last year we were a very young team and lost to this same Boston University squad 5-1," head coach Nicki Houghton said. "The 2006 team committed to the process and earned the right to return to the America East Tournament, but today we competed against a seasoned Terrier team. Vermont is clearly establishing a higher set of standards and expectations for the future."

### Senior Day

Against the Rams, the Catamounts played like a team inspired to send their seniors off on a high note, and it was only appropriate that the first goal came from senior Nikki Desch with an assist from senior Liz Berry.

The Catamounts continued to dominate the first half of the game scoring three goals and outshooting the Rams 30-3 in the contest.

"Rhode Island was really

clogging up one side of the field," sophomore Kim Striegler said. "We were able to transfer the play really well to find the long balls and open up the holes."

Vermont scored again in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute when sophomore Maegan Luce brought the ball in and shot, pushing it past Rhode Island goalkeeper M.J. Britt.

The coordination of the Cats offense was clear and although the Rams played well, the synchronization of Vermont continued to show as Berry scored her second goal of the season in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute of play.

The second half of the game continued much like the first as Luce put her second goal in the net off an assist from freshman Maddi Martin at the 51 minute mark. Luce's goal made the score 4-0.

Rhode Island scored a late goal to prevent the shutout but was not able to muster any sustained offense against the Cats solid defense.

Dakota Rubin contributed to this report.



UVM's Kelly McClintock controls the ball against the URI defense on Senior Day. The Catamounts went on to win the game 4-1 (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)



## Seven Days risks fair trial for Rooney

Anonymous op-ed jeopardizes Sixth Amendment rights

By COLIN LUCAS  
Staff Writer

*Seven Days* published an editorial by an anonymous FBI agent last week that, according to Brian Rooney's attorney, has jeopardized Rooney's right to a fair trial and should lead to a dismissal of his case.

The editorial, written by an anonymous law-enforcement officer who referred to himself as a "cop" and was verified by a bureau lawyer as a federal agent, outlined his involvement in the investigation of Michelle Gardner-Quinn's murder and conclusively stated that Rooney had murdered Gardner-Quinn.

In the editorial, Rooney's name was never used directly but it was irrefutably clear that he was being referred to when the agent called him a "violent sexual predator, a man who preys on the vulnerable in the dark places like some kind of two legged hyena."

The anonymous agent also wrote, "I will not sink to his level and take his life, though I admit the idea does not repel me. I have attended the deaths of others who did not deserve it nearly as much as he does."

The Sixth Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury. According to *The Burlington Free Press*, Rooney's lawyer, David Sleight, wrote in a three-page motion that, "the state has intentionally and maliciously endeavored to deprive him of a fair trial."

Sleight's argument that Rooney can no longer receive a fair trial stems not only from the article, but also from a Burlington police officer's appearance on national television, according to *The Free Press*.

Pamela Polston is the co-publisher and editor of *Seven Days*, which has statewide distribution and a wide readership.

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## N.Y. tire burning outrages Vt.

International Paper Co. tests tire chips as fuel, Vermonters worry about pollution

By COLIN LUCAS  
Staff Writer

Despite months of protest by Vermonters, the International Paper Co. in Ticonderoga, N.Y., began a two-week test burn of tire chips last Tuesday as a means of reducing energy costs, company spokeswoman Donna Wadsworth said.

The International Paper plant, located on Lake Champlain, plans to use the chips, known as Tire Derived Fuel (TRD), as a substitute for wood chips and fuel oil for the next two weeks. Throughout the test, emissions will be monitored for compliance with federal emissions standards, Wadsworth said.

"We've looked at this for three and a half years, there have been hundreds and thousands of hours of scientific research by us and by independent labs and by research scientists," Wadsworth said.

"And it has been reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and scrutinized by the Environmental

Protection Agency and further scrutiny of the second court of appeals," said Wadsworth. "They're telling us that we can do this, and we can do this safely, and we will not have an adverse health effect, and we are committed to that, and we are staying well under the limitations and health standards that are set."

But many Vermonters are not convinced. The Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG) stated on its Web site that "burning tires releases large amounts of the metal zinc, leading to increases in fine particulate matter related to respiratory and cardiac disease."

"IP lacks state-of-the-art particulate controls needed to capture this fine soot. Burning tires also releases dioxin, which was recognized by the EPA in 1985 as the most potent human made carcinogen known. Dioxin does not break down in the environment but builds up in the food chain, concentrating in meat and dairy products," the Web site stated.

Since the inception of the idea of burning tires three and a half years ago, protests have occurred throughout Vermont due to the health and pollution concerns.

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A young participant at a Burlington rally protests the International Paper Company's tire burn at their Ticonderoga, N.Y. site. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)



Police barricading the streets of Oaxaca after citizen upheaval made the state ungovernable for Governor Ulises Ruiz. (Courtesy of James Daria)

## Civic unrest plagues study abroad location

Civilians are pitted against government in Oaxaca, Mexico

By HILLARY LOWENBERG  
Cynic Correspondent

Violence has escalated in the once vibrant colonial town of Oaxaca, Mexico, as 30 people were injured in a six-hour standoff between police and protesters just outside the University of Oaxaca campus.

The police chased protesters - who had been occupying the downtown square for the past five months - onto the grounds of the University, which maintains a law of academic freedom, and therefore bans federal officers from having jurisdiction.

The conflict has been ongoing since the annual strike for

improved teachers' benefits began on May 22. 70,000 teachers constitute the statewide union, which has taken over the square in downtown Oaxaca.

On June 14, Governor Ulises Ruiz ordered the police to use force, including throwing tears gas from helicopters, to dismantle the protest.

In response, the teachers joined forces with organizations and activists to create the Popular Assembly of the People of Oaxaca (APPO), which has become the driving force in the uprising that demand the resignation of Ruiz.

On Sept. 21, 5,000 people marched to Mexico City to present their claims to the Senate. Both Houses of the Congress passed declarations demanding Ruiz to withdraw from office, according to *The Washington Post*.

Gustavo Esteva, a Mexican

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"We live in the midst of alarms; anxiety beclouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read."

-Abraham Lincoln





A student recycles alcoholic containers under the watchful eye of an RA (Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/ Vermont Cynic)

# SGA attempts to curb recycling paranoia

**SGA resolution passed in hopes that lessening liability for illegal containers will encourage recycling among students**

By THOMAS PAYEUR  
Cynic Correspondent

Glass and aluminum glint in the soft glow of a dorm hallway light as the names of alcohol companies burst forth among crushed pizza boxes and the recent Chatty Cats flyer.

This may now be a scene commonly found around campus due to SGA announcing their resolution to support amnesty for recycling containers in dorm hallways. This resolution allows guilt-free recycling of all alcoholic containers in the dorms.

Brought about by the Student Action Committee, the resolution focuses on expanding the University's eco-minded waste disposal.

The University pays \$94 per ton to get rid of trash, as opposed to the \$32-36 it takes to recycle a ton of material, Senator Ross

Nizlek said.

The debate changed from the matter of recycling, to the impact this amnesty would have on drinking in the dorms.

"Doesn't [the resolution] seem contradictory?" Senator DaVaughn Bryan said. "Isn't it providing a loop hole?"

Those cans already exist, a means is just being provided to make sure those cans are being disposed of properly, Nizlek said.

"If people can sneak containers into the dorms, they can sneak them out to recycle them," Vice President Ajay Schmidt said.

"The reality is, if recycling is not convenient, students won't recycle," Nizlek said.

Senator Sam Maron reminded the SGA that resolutions are

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- Ajay Schmidt

SGA vice president

just representations of the ideas of the student body. If a policy were

to be changed, it would be at the discretion of the University.

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The resolution was passed soundly after more than an hour of debate.

With dejected faces and sober voices, both Schmidt and President Seth Bowden lamented that they were not impressed with the decision of the vote, but they would not challenge it.

With the resolution in effect, members of the Student Action Committee will now meet with the directors of Residential Life in order to open up discussion on the matter.

Sophomore Justin Towne supported the resolution. "A can's a can, alcoholic or not."

"Kids are going to drink regardless of how they dispose of cans," freshman Connor Gibson said.

## Recent veterans against Iraq War

**UVM student and Iraq War veteran hosts "The Ground Truth," a documentary about the War in Iraq**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

The otherwise dark and silent CC Theatre was kept bright and loud Thursday night with images of soldiers, weapons and dead bodies; and sounds of bullets, bombs and shouting.

The sights and sounds came from the film "The Ground Truth"—a documentary of the War in Iraq directed and produced by Patricia Foulkrod.

The documentary was put on by Students Against War and presented by Drew Cameron—a UVM student, Iraq War veteran and member of Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW).

Foulkrod's work was based around commentary from people who had served in Iraq in each phase of personnel's time while in the military—recruitment, training, combat and the return home. The film focused on how the military views killing before and during war and the effects of the casualties after.

Essentially, basic training orients recruits to be "killing machines," which transforms in combat to what one United States Marine Corp Corporal described as "peer pressure group killing."

A sergeant in U.S. Marine Corps said that soldiers sometimes make fun of members of their infantry if they didn't get a kill that day—like it was something to be ashamed of.

The sections of the film on recruitment, training and combat were a preface to portraying how they psychologically injured the soldiers, and what effect that had on them upon their return home.

In addition, Foulkrod exposes the indifference the

government has towards treating psychological damage from the war and providing veterans with promised benefits.

Veterans spoke about how they now have an activist role; speaking actively against the war and in the interest of veterans.

Cameron, who toured Iraq in 2003, spoke about the war and led a discussion after the film.

"When I was over there, it was nowhere near as bad as it is now," Cameron said.

Questions arose from audience members on what it will take to get people to become active in bringing

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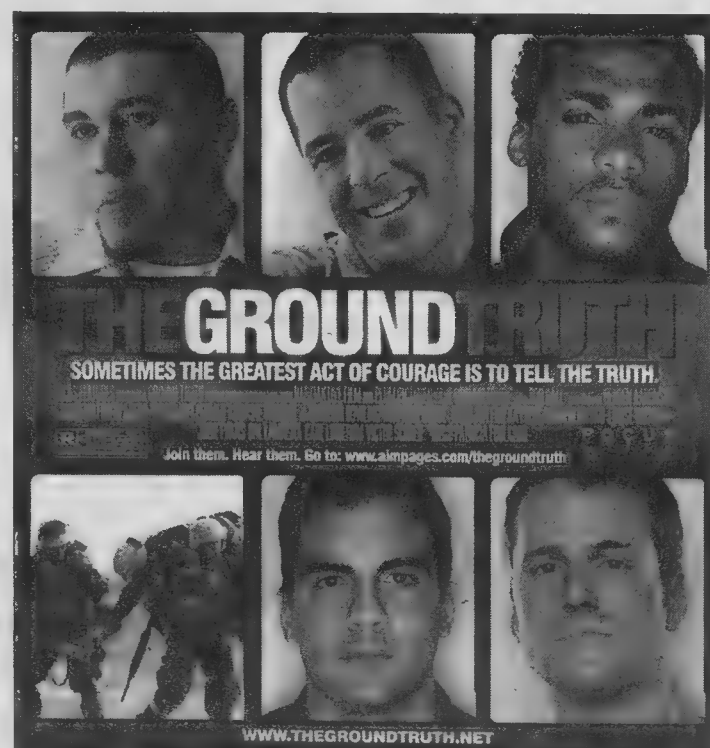
troops home. Many comparisons of the War in Iraq were made to the War in Vietnam for argument's sake.

When speaking about activism against the war, particularly that of veterans, Cameron said, "It's not an easy thing to say, what [the veterans in the movie] said, that 'We went over there and sacrificed ourselves and it was all a lie.'"

The forum turned to a lengthy and in-depth discussion about what democracy means and how it is defined both in the U.S. and in foreign countries, such as Iraq.

Although overall the topic of the event was taken seriously, there was one thing that drew a laugh from the audience:

"They were going to call the Iraqi War 'Operation Iraqi Libertaion,' but they decided against it," Cameron said smiling as he wrote the letters "O-I-L" on the chalkboard.



Soldiers speak out against the War in "The Ground Truth" (courtesy of Universal Studios)

## The Cutting Club

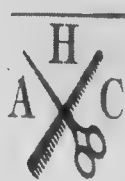


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Professor Lorraine Berkett showing her apple trees  
(Simone LaBonte/ Vermont Cynic)

### UVM professor gets grant to pursue organic apple research

Lorraine Berkett, a professor of plant and soil science, recently received \$657,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study organic apple farming in Vermont. Berkett and her colleagues are the only scholars doing research of this kind in the country.

Growing organic apples in the New England climate is a challenge in itself. Put that on top of trying to produce good-sized organic apples that can compete with conventional apples in the supermarket, and you have a monumental task. But Berkett is optimistic about her research in creating disease-resistant trees and hopes that soon there will be top-quality organic apples that every Vermonter can enjoy.

# Locals lose sleep as UVM expands

## Board of trustees meeting opens up complaint by a Burlington resident about the influx of college students into the community

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Cynic Correspondent

"I feel that my life is in danger," said Martha Lang, starting off the first public comment period of the UVM board of trustee meeting with a bang.

"Thousands of students are roaming the streets. Hundreds of students were congregating on my lawn, and I don't need to say what goes along with this. I was told that there are not enough police in the state of Vermont to stop these students.

"I got dressed and I got my crowbar. Last night I sat till two o'clock hoping they wouldn't break in," Lang said.

Lang called for UVM's funding from the Vermont Legislature to be cut. According to Lang, the best thing that could happen would be the University leaving Burlington altogether.

"The only solution I see is to get UVM's funding cut. The University is growing fast, and the city of Burlington is not growing. At any point in time these students could come in. My neighbor has a shotgun," Lang said.

This year the University has enrolled the second-largest undergraduate class ever with 2,190 students and the highest

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ever graduate enrollment of 1,351, UVM provost John Hughes said.

With the increase of students there is also an increase in University construction and faculty, a growth that Lang fears will expand the unruly behavior of students within the Burlington community.

During the current cycle of

trustee meetings, Hughes recommended a series of renovations and constructions over the next 5 to ten years, which will cost \$162.1 million, as well as require \$25.3 million from other sources, according to the trustee summary report.

The growth of the University doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon. The University has received \$3,693,777 in gifts, \$4 million from the Vermont Legislature and a \$5 million pledge by alumnus Lenny Miller for a Holocaust center, according to trustee summary report.

"We are hiring 4 new employees and we carefully avoid questions about where their office will be and if they will have access to lab space," said faculty senate president Justin Joffe, regarding the deficit of space at the University.

This growth, according to Lang, may be at the expense of UVM's relationship with the Burlington community. Already this year a drunken student has broken into a Burlington home.

"Dan Fogel will say that it's not UVM students, but when someone heading toward UVM wearing a University of Vermont t-shirt walks down my street what am I to think?" Lang said.

# Sudan divestment moves forward

## Board of trustees' budget, finance and investment committee unanimously approved the recommendations of the Sudan divestment work group this Friday

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

The Committee on Socially Responsible Investing created the Sudan divestment work group last spring in response to pressure from Students Take Action Now: Darfur (STAND).

The student organization petitioned the University to divest from companies that support the Sudanese government, since genocide is occurring in the Darfur region.

The updated recommendations, presented by John Snow, the chair of the former Committee on Socially Responsible Investing, called for the continuation of the divestment process. The board of trustees already approved the

first set of recommendations to divest from Sudan this September.

"So far we have identified the 20 most offending companies," Snow said. The committee is working to extract all University investments from these companies. "Our goal was to get our portfolio out of Sudan, but also to make a public statement," Snow said to the board.

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-John Snow

former chair of Committee on Socially Responsible Investing

The divestment process is complicated by the fact that some of the University's endowment is held in pooled funds, where the exact investments are not available. In this case the board of trustees does not know for certain if or how much of these investments are in offending companies.

The Sudan divestment work group is working with the managers of these pooled funds to find out about possibilities for creating a Sudan-free stipulation for the funds.

"[The managers] said they would be more than happy to set up a special account - for a fee," reported Snow, and many board members laughed.

In the past, the University has set up special pool funds to stipulate that all investments are tobacco - free.

Snow also recommended that the Sudan divestment work group continue to meet at least biannually, to discuss whether the list of offending companies needs to be updated.

## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

### Corrections from Issue 12, Nov. 7:

On page 1, the lead of the article "Burlington family fears student," incorrectly identifies student Michael Long as a sophomore. He is a junior.

On page 4, the bottom picture of the SLAP protest in front of Waterman had an incorrect photo credit. The photograph was taken by Thomas Ford-Hutchinson.

On page 5, the pull quote in the article "Committee on ethical investing dissolved" was incorrectly attributed to John Snow. The quote should have been attributed to professor Glen Elder.

In the second paragraph of the immediately aforementioned article, it said an e-mail was sent out about dissolving the committee by Carl Lisman. The e-mail was actually sent by J. Michael Gower.

On page 7, in the letter to the editor, "Time to get the facts correct on Darfur," the correct spelling of the author is Alexandra Bamberg.

On page 13, in the article "Post-apocalyptic 'Macbeth' opens," in the 9th paragraph, freshman David Archer was incorrectly identified as Chris Archer.



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# And the winners are...

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Staff Writer

Notable winners from the Nov. 7 election were Peter Welch (U.S. House of Representatives), Bernie Sanders (U.S. Senate) and Jim Douglas (Governor of Vermont). After months of campaigning and ultimately claiming victory, here is where they stand on the issues relevant to the University community.

Winner	Education	Environment
<b>Peter Welch</b>  	<p>Representative-elect Peter Welch is a strong supporter of education. According to his Web site, Welch believes that the Federal No Child Left Behind Act has a good goal in mind but, "a "one size fits all" federal mandate does not work." According to the Web site, as a state senator, Welch pushed through legislation that gave the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation \$16.6 million in grants, \$ 5.1 million in scholarships, and \$448 million in loans in 2004-2005. According to his Web site, Welch plans to support legislation that would increase help for first generation college students and support training of students for sectors of the economy that are currently undersupplied.</p>	<p>According to his Web site, Welch sees the immediate threat of global warming to our society. He has pledged to continue the environmental stewardship and protection started under former Senator Jim Jeffords. According to his Web site, Welch also calls for an, "Apollo-like project for the 21st century," to combat global warming. Furthermore, Welch pledges to use his strong leadership and energy policies to guide our nation to a cleaner energy future.</p> 
<b>Bernie Sanders</b>  	<p>Sanders is proposing a bill, H.R. 5150, the Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act of 2006. <b>This act would help bring back \$12 billion in student financial aid that was recently cut by the previous Congress.</b> Sanders' bill would also substantially cut student interest rates across the country. According to Sanders' Web site, Vermont college graduates would save over \$4,000 that would have been spent on interest. According to his website, Sanders also worked to prevent President Bush from cutting programs such as TRIO Upward Bound and other programs which helped lower income college students reach their full potential in institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>While in the United States House of Representatives Senator-elect Bernie Sanders was strongly supportive of environmental action. Sanders worked to pass an amendment that would give support to the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program to help Vermont public schools increase their energy efficiency. Sanders has also taken part in environmental and agricultural support for Vermont farmers, voicing opposition to a bill that would prevent Vermont farmers from receiving direct loans from the Farm Service Agency.</p> 
<b>Jim Douglas</b>  	<p>Douglas is a strong proponent of the Vermont educational system. <b>Recently, he proposed a Vermont Promise Scholarship program. This program would offer incentives to keep students in Vermont after their graduation.</b> According to his Web site this is a program that would last 15 years and cost \$175 million. In the 2003-04 legislative year, Douglas enacted a Higher Education Investment Tax credit that would go to lower and middle income families to increase the amount of students receiving higher education.</p> 	<p>Governor Douglas has made progress with environmental issues, but has also caused ire with activists, such as the Wilderness Society. Douglas has enacted a water remediation plan that would limit harmful effects of storm water runoff. According to his Web site, Douglas also passed a Renewable Energy Bill that would give consumers a wider variety of energy options. Douglas has been criticized for his hesitation in passing the New England Wilderness Act of 2006. This bill puts aside acres of forest for state protection. Douglas accepted an amended bill, which removed protection for 6,000 acres in Glastenbury.</p>



# Election Roundup

## Election season ends with the Democrats taking both the House and Senate

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Staff Writer

The Democrats have taken the House of Representatives and United States Senate.

The leader of the Republican Party, President George W. Bush, responded to the large Republican loss. "It was a thumpin'," Bush said in a press conference Wednesday.

With this political change, the Democrats are poised to make history and name Nancy Pelosi to be the first-ever female speaker of the House.

This transformation was the result of a number of close races across the country being won in the House and Senate by Democrats.

On Election Day, the leader of these prominent races was the Senate race in the Virginia. This race pitted incumbent George Allen against Jim Webb, a former Republican Secretary of the Navy under President Ronald Reagan. Webb beat Allen by 7,000 votes, giving the Democrats the final win to control the Senate.

In the widely watched Pennsylvania Senate race, Senator-elect Bob Casey Jr. beat his opponent, former incumbent Rick Santorum, by 18 percent. Democrats throughout the country marked this race for its importance. With the loss of Santorum, the Republican's lost their third ranking member.

In Rhode Island, centrist Republican Lincoln Chafee lost his incumbency to Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, and in Vermont, Independent Bernie Sanders beat Republican Rich

Tarrant by over 15 percent.

"Vermont has sent a very strong signal to change the course," Senator Patrick Leahy, D-VT said in response to the announcement of Sanders' victory.

Another incumbent was unseated in Ohio, where Republican Senator Mike DeWine lost by 12 percent to Democratic challenger Sherrod Brown.

An additional race that was slow to be conceded was the Montana Senate race between Republican incumbent Conrad Burns and Democrat and organic farmer Jon Tester. Tester announced victory on Nov. 8, but it was not until Nov. 9 that Burns finally conceded the election.

This was one of the many closely followed elections, after it was made known that Burns had tied with recently disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

While they picked up a substantial number of new seats in the Senate, the House of Representatives was an even larger victory for the Democrats.

Democrats gained 29 seats across the country in major Republican strongholds, such as Texas's 22nd District. The district was the former home of Republican House majority leader Tom Delay, who left his position after a scandal emerged.

Throughout the country, voters were also faced with serious ballot initiatives. One of the most controversial of these was a proposal in South Dakota that would place a ban on almost all abortions. However, this law was rejected with 55 percent of the state rejecting its premises.

Other ballot initiatives include bans on gay marriages, which passed in seven of the eight states. They were proposed in, excluding Arizona. In



Peter Welch expressing his elation at winning VT's open House seat (Louise Contino / Vermont Cynic)

Colorado an initiative failed that would permit the use of marijuana for unconditional reasons, and in South Dakota an initiative failed that would permit the use of medicinal marijuana.

The 2006 election has had other effects on the political landscape. According to the Associated Press, soon to be former Senator Chafee is reported to be considering a switch to the Democratic Party after representing Rhode Island for seven years as a Republican.

He was considered by many political insiders and his colleagues to be the most liberal Senator in the Republican Party. "There were times walking into my caucus room where

it wasn't fun," Chafee said.

Democrats are expected to caucus on Tuesday to nominate party leaders. Harry Reid is expected to become the new Senate majority leader. Democrats in the House still have no clear view over who will become majority leader in the House, but representatives, such as John Murtha of Pennsylvania, vie for the seat.

"Election Day was middle-class America's declaration of independence from a Republican-led administration and Congress that for six years has been telling working men and women and their families in this country to shut up, listen up and go to hell," Lou Dobbs said in a CNN commentary.

## Rooney

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Polston defended the publication of the editorial in an interview with *The Burlington Free Press*, citing freedom of expression.

"We stand behind the freedom of expression of every citizen, including that of law enforcement officers, and, like all newspapers, offer a forum to our readers for that expression," Polston told *The Free Press* in an interview.

But Sleight still contends that the police officer went overboard in his writing. He told *The Free Press*, "This is an intentional comment on the strength of the state's case with the sole purpose of influencing potential jurors."

In the *Seven Days* article, the "anonymous cop" wrote, "My respect for the law stays my hand, twitch though it may...we go great lengths to extend the protection of the law to someone who has so terribly violated it."

"I am better than him," he wrote.

But his words may have acted to hinder the very justice he works to protect. "He is right to want to let everyone know what happened and how dedicated the law enforcement officers were, but if that jeopardizes this guy's right to a trial then there is nothing right about it," said Ben Guttridge, UVM freshman and political science major.

In many court cases, that involve potentially damaging press coverage, a change of venue occurs to find an impartial jury. But in regards to changing the trial location, Sleight was quoted in *The Free Press* as saying, "To where? Mars?"

Vermont Law School professor Michael Mello told *The Free Press*, "This is wildly unethical; I don't know what this guy was thinking."

"This has given the defendant the opportunity to escape the very justice the cop is purporting to support," he said.

Within the next week, it is expected that prosecutors will file a written response to Sleight's motion in Vermont District Court in Burlington, *The Free Press* reported.

## Oaxaca

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intellectual, activist and UVM's 2006 commencement speaker, said, "In order to legally oust the governor, the Senate should declare 'desaparición de poderes,' which says that the constituted powers are no longer governing."

**17.....dead**  
**138.....injured**  
**57.....in jail**

-according to  
Gustavo Esteva

On Oct. 4, the minister of the interior invited 100 well-known Oaxacaquenos to a meeting in Mexico City to discuss and sign a social pact. However Indigenous leaders denounced the Pact on the grounds that Oaxacan minorities were not represented at the meeting and walked out.

The meeting did fulfill its function, no pact was signed, and a second meeting was cancelled.

On Oct. 27 Brad Will, an American activist and journalist,

was killed by paramilitaries while documenting the protests. Will was killed when shots were fired directly at the protestors. *The New York Times* reported that out of the five suspects in custody for the murder, two are local officials and two are police officers.

In response to Will's death, Mexican President Vicente Fox, ordered the dispatch of 4,500 federal police officers into Oaxaca, who were aggressively confronted by protestors.

"On Oct. 29, the Senate joined the Chamber of Representatives in a petition to the governor to resign which the governor reacted immediately with an appeal to the Supreme Court accusing them of power abuse...and stated that he will never resign," Esteva said.

"The people of Oaxaca, mostly indigenous, are taking into their own hands, their lives with amazing political and sociological imagination. Their peaceful and democratic struggle against a corrupt government is a challenge to well established paradigms of both right and left. It is basically a struggle for freedom, autonomy and conviviality - looking for a world in which many worlds can be embraced," Esteva said.

"We now have the first 'body count' produced by a group of

## Tire

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Joanna Colwell, from the Vermont grassroots organization People for Less Pollution said "We think it will affect the whole state, because the pollution blows to the east, and it can travel pretty far. Addison County has been the epicenter of the resistance to the plant because they are so close and we can see [the plant]."

"That paper mill is the largest polluter in the whole Champlain Valley, so even before they started burning tires they produced 400,000 lbs. of toxic pollution every year," Colwell said.

NGOs and grassroots organizations: 17 dead, 138 injured, 57 in jail and many disappeared," he said on Oct. 31.

A resident of Oaxaca, Sergio Beltran said, "The only thing we could answer is that here in Oaxaca things are tense, but a lot of hope is flourishing from the incredible capacity of people's self-organization, and that we wake up every morning convinced that the future could only be better after all these days of struggle."

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# Seven Days op-ed jeopardizes justice

Opinion Editorial - Shane Kemiss Clark - Opinion Editor

Revenge may be a dish best served cold, but I don't care at what temperature justice is served, it just needs to be served. In the latest twist of the Michelle Gardener-Quinn story, it looks as though *Seven Days* wants a justice hungry community to starve.

According to Rooney's defense there is no way he can receive a fair trial because he has already been tried and convicted by the media thus tainting the potential jury pool and violating his constitutional right to a trial by a fair and impartial jury of his peers.

Everyone has a right to a fair trial, with a competent defense, but the new question in the information age is: does media influence public opinion, or does public opinion influence the media?

It is absurd to demand that the State's Attorney possess the burden of providing a jury from a tight knit community, that is both competent enough to judge the fate of a fellow man or woman, and at the same time, ignorant of community issues. However, this is exactly what Rooney's lawyers are calling for. Or is it?

*Seven Days* decided to come out of its proverbial shell on the Michelle Gardener-Quinn story to publish an op-ed written by an "anonymous cop." The piece was a scathing attack laden with statements proclaiming Rooney's guilt.

*The Burlington Free Press* later released the information that it was in fact an FBI agent who wrote the article.

FBI agents have a unique position in society. Agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation uphold our highest ideals of truth and integrity. They are the men and women who are supposed to identify and bring the bad guys to justice. This gives their opinions a privileged position in

## Seven Days has opened the trial on Rooney and already called its first witness

society, which is why FBI agents are called to testify at trials and not the layperson. They are meant to be experts in matters of guilt and innocence.

Given the privileged status of FBI agents' opinions, the broadcasting of their personal views becomes a situation where the media has attempted to influence public opinion.

By printing an op-ed that was written by a local FBI agent calling Rooney "a man who preys on the vulnerable in the dark places like some kind of two-legged hyena," *Seven Days* has opened the trial on Rooney and already called its first witness.

It may be hard for a paper with no news section to keep up with current

events, but someone in their offices needs to be aware that the trial on Rooney has not begun.

Most community members have been following the news and can form opinions around the mounting pile of evidence against Rooney, and some of those community members may even write into local opinion sections. If those opinions accuse Rooney of guilt, it is okay because it is an example of the community speaking through the media.

But when an FBI agent, or even a local cop, shares his opinion through the media, it is fundamentally more persuasive than if it had come from a common citizen. Consequently that opinion has a shaping effect on the audience.

It is the job of the community as a whole to ensure that justice is preserved. Furthermore, the media has the responsibility to act as a conduit of information, and not as the judge and jury of the accused (no matter how tempting it may be). The media should have learned this lesson from the O.J. Simpson trial, but sadly it has not.

Because of the irresponsibility of the media, justice in our world has been compromised once again. It is a shame that it is now left for a judge to weigh the cost of performing a potentially impartial trial against the benefit of bringing Michelle's killer to justice.

## High and dry is the safer option

JAKE MEANY:  
Notes from the island

UVM is the jewel in the crown of this vanguard state.

Vermont pioneered civil unions and non-partisan politicians.

UVM should continue the tradition. I say make pot legal on campus while phasing out alcohol at the same time.

Alcohol, while fun to some, has a devastating effect on campuses. Each year on American campuses alcohol is responsible for the death of 1,700 students, 696,000 assaults and 97,000 rapes (that are reported).

Mary Jane has been proven less likely than alcohol to produce aggression and actually has a tranquilizing effect on monkeys during clinical trials.

## I say make pot legal on campus while phasing out alcohol

I know what you are thinking, and there is not a single scientific study that can prove that the use of pot leads to harder illegal drugs. It has been used medicinally for thousands of years to help with a myriad of symptoms and can even have some positive effects on the mind.

In college, substance use is going to happen whether we like it or not.

Why then do we outlaw a substance that people cannot overdose on, and has quantifiably smaller chance of making you commit violence than alcohol?

Alcohol poisons our community and has led to at least one horrific memory for every single reader of this article.

I am not saying that pot is harmless,

## Alcohol poisons our community and has led to at least one horrific memory for every single reader of this article

nor am I suggesting that everyone start the habit. My point in this article is that most of the community considers alcohol part of the ritual of college, yet that same logic seems similar to allowing ritual combat for boys to become "men".

We turn a blind eye toward violence and enablers of violence and it needs to stop. Someone doesn't even have to drink alcohol to feel its effects (ask the hundreds of thousands who have lost friends and family to drunk driving).

We should make wiser choices in what is acceptable rebellion or "experimentation" in college. If we want to live as safe students in a community, we must make hard decisions and wake up to the effect of our alcohol tolerance.

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# My Story: unjustly arrested in Oaxaca

**A UVM Student  
incarcerated abroad**

**By HILLARY LOWENBERG**  
*Cynic Correspondent*

During my junior year abroad, I studied in Oaxaca, Mexico for six weeks. On May 1, 2006, protests in major cities around the U.S. took place for immigrant worker rights, and similarly many people in Oaxaca took to the streets to support their friends and family members abroad as well.

Although I had been warned that a foreigner's participation in political demonstration was illegal and carried the risk of deportation, it was important for me to show support for Mexican workers' rights. I knew to separate myself from the march if protestors began taking direct action.

When an anarchist collective spray painted the sides of homes and businesses, police just watched. We learned later that half of the marchers had actually been undercover law enforcement agents.

After the rally, I walked along the streets with my fellow student Andy and our professor. Suddenly, we were stopped by three plain-clothed people. They approached Andy and told him that they had pictures of him defacing private property and that he needed to come with them.

Andy, however, had not even attended the march. We asked

them for identification and for proof of the supposed pictures. We tried unsuccessfully to walk away, get onto a passing bus and into a taxi.

One man shoved Andy up against a wall. My professor fought to try to free him. In broken Spanish, I yelled for help as a crowd formed around us but people just watched.

The police arrived, grabbed us and threw us in the back of two marked pick-up trucks. We sped out the city with no idea of what lay ahead.

First we were taken to a holding jail at the Governor's compound on the outskirts of Oaxaca. We were told that we were charged with defacing private property and inciting others to do so. The authorities stripped us of our possessions and locked us in jail. We were repeatedly denied a phone call to someone on the outside.

Luckily, two other detained protestors had managed to call people within our activist network. Word of our situation reached our program coordinator, who was then able to hire a lawyer for us.

We were transferred to two other holding jails where "amigos" brought us food, water and warm clothing out of solidarity. I will always appreciate their support. The guards never gave us food or water.

We learned that while we were being held, police had personally informed the households and businesses whose property had



Senior Hillary Lowenberg shows photographs recounting her traumatic experience in Mexico (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

been defaced that we were in custody and that they should sign a document incriminating us. The police were portraying themselves as protectors of the public to garner support for the governor, who had supposedly been elected into power by less than five percent of the vote. We were being used to push a corrupt political agenda.

The U.S. Consulate came to talk to us in the morning after being contacted by one of our parents. He said that it must have been a case of mistaken identity, and that there was nothing that he could do.

We were told that after 48

hours in the holding jail we would be transferred to the permanent jail, where we faced six months to six years imprisonment in Oaxaca.

Our lawyer used his connections successfully to bribed the home and business owners to drop charges against us. After 31 hours of panic and uncertainty, we were finally set free.

Our arrests were part of what came to be known as the Oaxaca Seven. To this day I am unsure of the whereabouts of two of the seven activists, who did not have the resources to hire a lawyer and remained in prison when we left

Oaxaca.

Although our lives as students separate us by thousands of miles, language barriers and distinct cultural lines from our global neighbors, the struggle of people everywhere against repression is not as distant as it may seem.

My experience in Oaxaca shows that being an American does not make you invincible. I will never forget the generosity of total strangers and the importance of network solidarity. Nor will I forget that in Mexico, and elsewhere, people continue to be arrested, beaten, sexually abused, kidnapped and unjustly killed.

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# Why wait when you can WWW?

Internet boutiques make shopping unique

By GUY DERRY  
Cynic Correspondent

You've looked everywhere; that cool Mulholland sweater with the white stripes and pink skull is nowhere to be found here in Burlington.

Unless you're on a computer.

reconnaissance missions to Montreal, Boston and New York City in order to find their favorite international designers.

But the recent surge in the number of online boutiques has fundamentally changed the way many consumers waccess fashion.

Online boutiques offer consumers the same fashion

things on before buying them, some argue that the shopping experience is supposed to be just that—an experience. The effect on traditional stores, who have lost business to online commerce is another concern.

But what about when people don't have the time and resources to go off on these journeys in search of fashion? Internet-based boutiques give consumers a wealth of unique designers, styles and sizes to choose from, and most offer liberal return policies as well.

Sophomore Christopher Lisle points out that along with benefits to consumers, online boutiques allow for "creative progression without the economic barrier that is associated with a physical storefront." This frees artists to "showcase their ideas and styles by creating and designing their own marketplace."

Junior Timothy Hosmer said, the appeal of online boutiques lies in the fact that shoppers can "find one-of-a-kind designer products at not just one boutique, but hundreds of boutiques around the world."

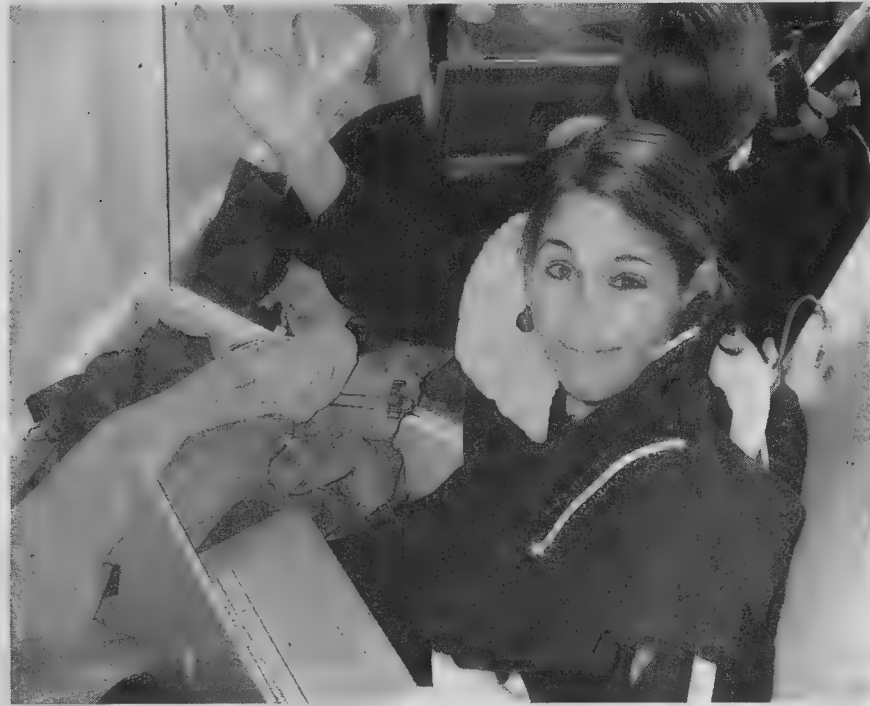
As the holiday season approaches and consumer frenzy increases, many will consider avoiding all the commotion by staying at home and shopping on the computer instead.

For best results, start searching now. You still have to find your favorite little online boutique, and it may be just as hidden and out of the way as in the real world.

possibilities as the most eclectic urban boutiques — and more.

Try looking up your favorite designer, a particular trend, stores in other geographic locations and checking out fashion blogs. Explore the Internet's fashion resources and chances are you will be exposed to a lot more styles than you ever thought existed.

Some people have trouble adjusting to the format of online boutiquing. Beyond the obvious limitation of not being able to try



Senior Emily Rak escapes a dressing room disaster online (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

Online boutiques offer many advantages over their physical counterparts, especially as we approach the biggest shopping season of the year.

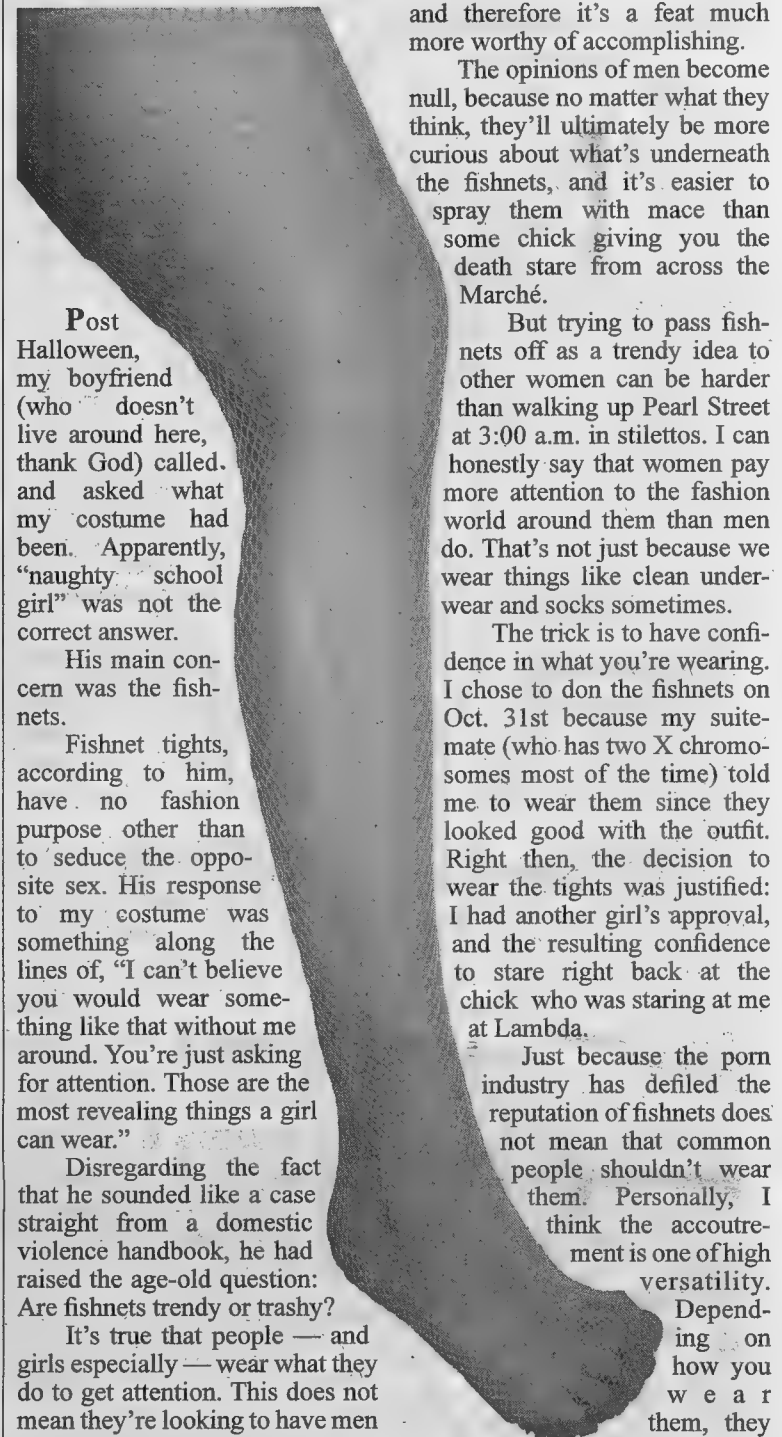
Why battle the crowded boutique parlor rooms? Why deal with the chaotic holiday street traffic? Why chance the possibility that your size is sold out?

Fashion-savvy Burlington citizens of yesteryears used to have to embark on boutique

Terra-Nova Sadowski is



## The Fashion Police



and therefore it's a feat much more worthy of accomplishing.

The opinions of men become null, because no matter what they think, they'll ultimately be more curious about what's underneath the fishnets, and it's easier to spray them with mace than some chick giving you the death stare from across the Marché.

But trying to pass fishnets off as a trendy idea to other women can be harder than walking up Pearl Street at 3:00 a.m. in stilettos. I can honestly say that women pay more attention to the fashion world around them than men do. That's not just because we wear things like clean underwear and socks sometimes.

The trick is to have confidence in what you're wearing. I chose to don the fishnets on Oct. 31st because my roommate (who has two X chromosomes most of the time) told me to wear them since they looked good with the outfit. Right then, the decision to wear the tights was justified: I had another girl's approval, and the resulting confidence to stare right back at the chick who was staring at me at Lambda.

Just because the porn industry has defiled the reputation of fishnets does not mean that common people shouldn't wear them. Personally, I think the accoutrement is one of high versatility.

Depending on how you wear them, they can be punk, '60s, gothic, or grunge whether it be Halloween or any other day of the year.

If all else fails, remember that no one will doubt your fashion skills if you wear fishnets with a short skirt and Playboy bunny ears. Just be sure it's Halloween.

Post Halloween, my boyfriend (who doesn't live around here, thank God) called, and asked what my costume had been. Apparently, "naughty school girl" was not the correct answer.

His main concern was the fishnets.

Fishnet tights, according to him, have no fashion purpose other than to seduce the opposite sex. His response to my costume was something along the lines of, "I can't believe you would wear something like that without me around. You're just asking for attention. Those are the most revealing things a girl can wear."

Disregarding the fact that he sounded like a case straight from a domestic violence handbook, he had raised the age-old question: Are fishnets trendy or trashy?

It's true that people — and girls especially — wear what they do to get attention. This does not mean they're looking to have men trailing behind them, drooling small rivers. Half the time, girls are showing off to other girls.

That's right guys: the female psyche is immeasurably more interesting than yours. Because of the ridiculous amount of interest girls have in each other's clothing, it's harder to impress girls,

## It's Cold...What's Hot?

For the last of the fall weather, vests let you layer on warmth without sacrificing style.



Sophomore Jacob Z. Klein is casually cool in textured fleece (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)



Junior Stephanie Simons combines form and function in down (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

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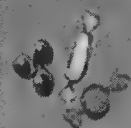
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## An area familiar to many in the UVM community has become overrun with violence

Utter chaos and the cyclonic winds of revolution have caused the cancellation of UVM's study abroad program to Oaxaca, Mexico this spring. A potent mix of political outrage and revolutionary spirit has thrown the region into anarchy.

The turmoil began this May when 70,000 members of a teacher's union in the state of Oaxaca went on strike, demanding higher wages. Similar work stoppages have taken place annually for the past 26 years, normally lasting only a few days.

This year was different. Over 935 small organizations, unions, activist and church groups joined the teachers to incapacitate the government and demand the removal of Governor Ulises Ruiz Ortiz from office.

Last spring, 18 UVM students completed the first full semester of the recently developed exchange program with Oaxaca, led by anthropology professor Luis Vivanco.



The state of Oaxaca in green.  
(<http://www.wikipedia.com>)

The UVM program focuses on a "grassroots political indigenous vision," Vivanco said. "A lot of the people we've talked to and spent time with are the people involved and leading [the movement]."

### A fatal mistake

The political movement is located primarily in the Zócalo, a famous colonial plaza. In May, when Ruiz refused to meet the protesters' demands, 30,000 people set up a tent city occupying the square.

After 25 days of Zócalo occupation, Ruiz made what Vivanco has described as his "fatal mistake": at 3:00 a.m. on June 14, 3,000 police arrived to break up the strikes using tear gas, firearms and stun grenades.

The intervention lasted 6 hours, until the police retreated and the Zócalo was re-taken by the protesters.

The police action led to the creation of the Popular Assembly of the People of Oaxaca (APPO), made up of hundreds of small organiza-

tions, all rallying behind the cry of removing Ruiz from office.

After the formation of the APPO, the police and all government officials retreated for nearly three months. The APPO seized the opportunity, commandeering government buildings and radio/TV stations.

Ruiz, a member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) that ruled Mexico for over 70 years, was reelected in 2006 in a highly controversial election.

Called "El Mapache" ("the raccoon"), Ruiz is notoriously known as an expert in stealing elections for the PRI. He is suspected of stealing his own election earlier this year.

"Ruiz is completely hated by everyone. His family is completely hated and known for being part of the old PRI at its worst," said Irma Valeriano, a Spanish professor at UVM who grew up in Oaxaca.

### More than a political showdown

The complete police absence and the vacancy of all government offices created a situation of both total chaos and pure democracy.

"Some of the philosophies of political action are being put into action," Vivanco said. "When there is no government, people take a more active role in governing themselves."

"In spite of the guerrilla attacks of the police, a human rights organization reported that in the last months there was less violence in Oaxaca than in any other month of the last 10 years," said Gustavo Esteva, an Oaxacan intellectual who spoke at UVM's 2006 commencement ceremony.

"The people are taking care of themselves better than the government or the police," he said.

However, Oaxaca is not a simple case of the APPO vs. Ruiz. There are many Oaxacans who support neither the APPO nor Ruiz.

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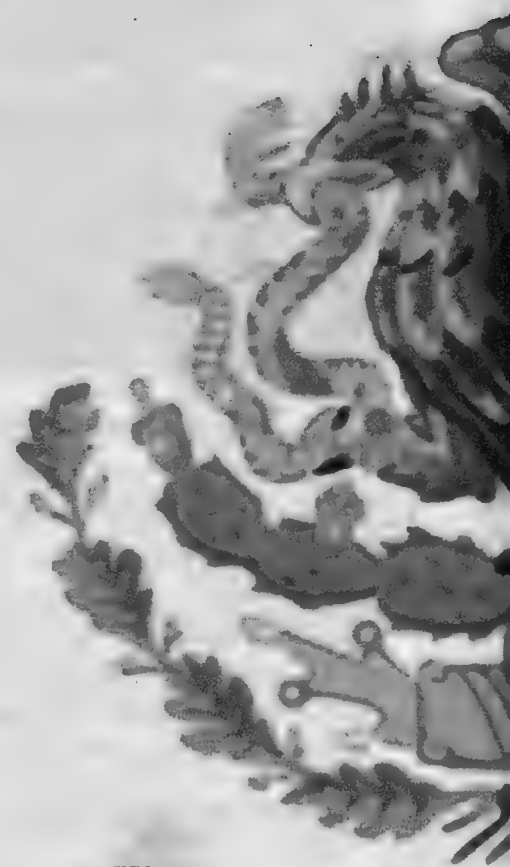
"Many normal people don't want the APPO invading the city. They hate the APPO ... They are completely angry; they were asking for the police to come ... to get rid of the protesters," Valeriano said.

This summer, while Valeriano was visiting Oaxaca, she witnessed some of the destruction the APPO was causing.

"It feels so horrible to see your city like this, the Zócalo has been our pride. I saw [the buildings] painted with horrible graffiti, you could see hate," she said.

However, Valeriano also sees the perspective of the protesters. "I stayed a whole night [in the Zócalo] just talking to them. They are rural leaders, people from the barrios (Mexican neighbor-

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hoods), people who were recently displaced, leaders from the university, teachers. I stopped feeling hate toward them," she said.

The APPO itself is primarily a non-violent organization, using "mega-marchas" (huge, thousands-strong demonstrations) to gather and display support for the movement. There have been six "mega-marchas" to date, with hundreds of thousands of people participating.

On Oct. 29, President Vicente Fox sent the Preventative Federal Police (PFP) to Oaxaca. The PFP arrived in full riot gear and stormed the barricades using tear gas, water cannons and armored vehicles, breaking up the protesters and take back the Zócalo.

At least two protesters died according to The New York Times. The PFP forced the APPO protesters out of the Zócalo and surrounded it in razor wire.

As a gesture of nonviolence, members of the APPO greeted the soldiers with white flowers. "In a way, however, this is a romantic movement," Nicole Kast, an American student studying in Oaxaca, wrote in an e-mail.

"The women walked first and ...when an older woman handed a soldier a white flower he took it and he cried. He cried, standing there with his gun and his shield," she wrote.

As a result of Oct. 29, the PFP control the Zócalo and have put up razor wire barricades to keep the protesters out. However, the protesters reconvened and now surround the square, restricting PFP movement.

do and repress," Valeriano said, explaining that the government intends to maintain the face of democracy. "When the government says 'let's sit and talk' we don't know how ... we don't have the experience of democracy."

Sophie Gray, a participant of the 2006 UVM semester abroad, is still in touch with her host family from Oaxaca.

"It is really sad for our host families because they run a bed and breakfast/youth hostel. They don't have any income now. No American students will go now that people are being shot," she said.

## What happens next?

"For now, one of the things that would help would be if the governor would step down and we could have elections ... Everyday I think it will happen tomorrow, and it doesn't happen," Valeriano said.

*"Ruiz is completely hated by everyone. His family is completely hated and known for being part of the old PRI at its worst"*

*-Irma Valeriano,  
UVM Spanish professor*



A group of protesters march in Oaxaca  
(John Gibler/http://www.nyc.indymedia.org)

According to the Mexican Constitution, the Senate is the only government body that can annul a governorship. If the Senate decides that the state government has disappeared, Ruiz will have to leave office.

The APPO has embraced this, making it their chief tactic in arousing change: creating a state of "ingobernabilidad" - ungovernability.

"Nobody agrees on anything; both sides are making huge mistakes, both sides are destroying something valuable," Valeriano said.

In the past, social uprisings were solved temporarily within the PRI, using a system of oppression and bribery. But the PRI's old ways have broken down.

"They are not going to do what they used to

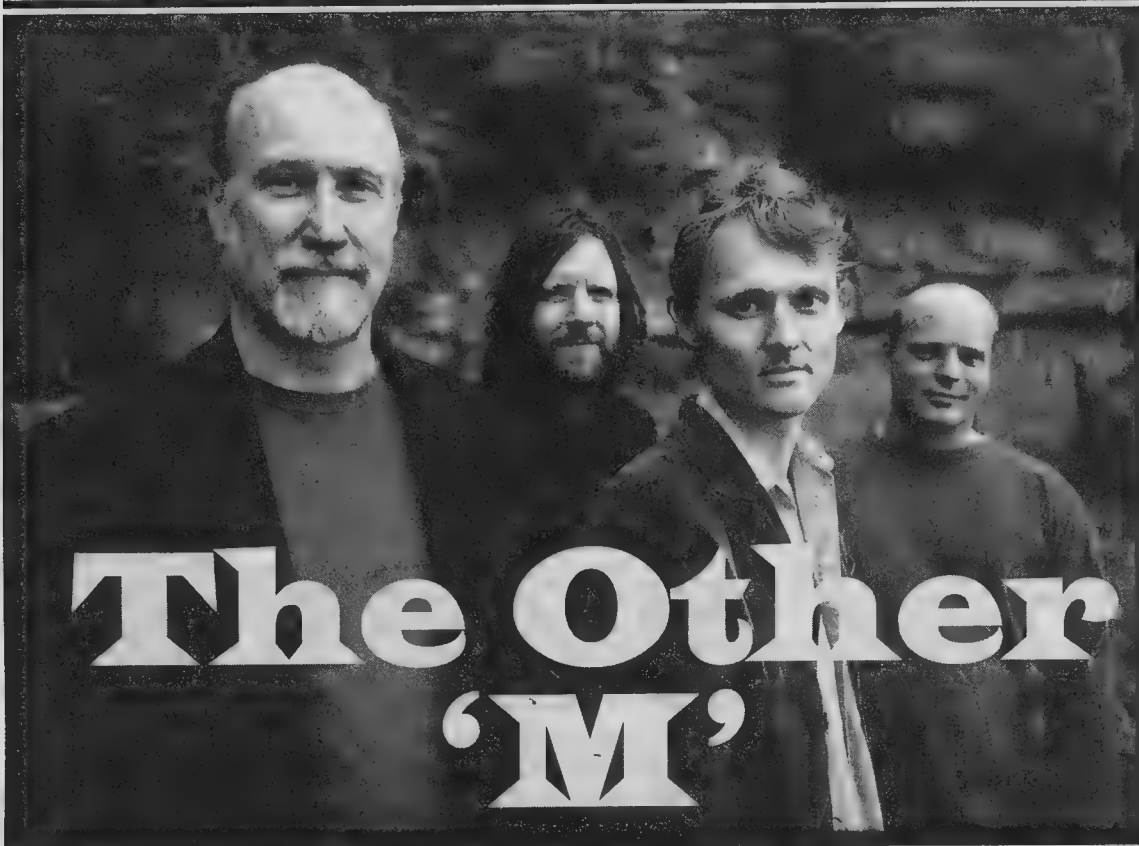
"I think it is hard for us to understand the magnitude of this," said Eva Antczak, another study abroad student. "It is not really our fight, it's a fight that's been going on for 200 years."

Valeriano had a similar perspective: "Before you try to get involved, observe and try to understand what is going on. I lived my whole life there and I don't understand."

Yet, Valeriano maintains hope. "I am hearing stories now of women my age and my mother's age going out with brooms and mops and cleaning the Zócalo," she said. "That sends a message: this happened, let's rebuild."

*Professor Luis Vivanco will lead a talk on  
Oaxaca in Williams 511 at 12:30 p.m. on  
Wednesday, Nov. 15.*





**Drummer Billy Martin of Medeski, Scofield, Martin and Wood talks labels, studio recording and "shallow" music**

#### STAFF REPORT

Ever been to a Medeski, Martin and Wood concert? This isn't Kenny G putting you to sleep in an elevator at J.C. Penny's. John Medeski, Billy Martin and Chris Wood blast music apart and piece it back together in the blink of an eye.

Just when you think jazz can't surprise you anymore, you start to wonder: "What the hell just happened?" *The Cynic* had a chance to chat with the Dr. Frankenstein of Drums himself, MMW's Billy Martin, about the

group's new album (recorded with Scofield), his thoughts on labels and the ideas of an icon.

**Vermont Cynic:** You're touring with John Scofield and you collaborated with him on your latest album, "Out Louder." How did the idea for this album come about?

**Billy Martin:** Well, we kept in touch over the years and occasionally played together, sitting in with each other and stuff. We were both out of any major contracts, which sort of limit your

ability to collaborate and do other projects, so we kind of jumped on that. We thought it would be a good way to get a label going.

**VC:** Along with John Scofield, you've played with some pretty amazing musicians over the years. Is there anyone you haven't played with who you'd like to in the future?

**BM:** Well, I'm very lucky. I feel like I'm already doing that. I'm playing with this incredible piano player, Dave Burrell from Philadelphia. [Jazz saxophonist]

Ornette Coleman is someone we've always talked about being excited to play with someday.

**VC:** You played with Phish in 1995 and you've also played Bonnaroo and moe.down, so you're often slapped with the "jam band" label. How do you feel about that?

**BM:** I don't like it (laughs)! It's a bad name! I don't like the sound of it. When I hear that name it just makes me cringe because it's not a beautiful sounding name like "rock 'n' roll" or "jazz." I feel like a lot of the music people call "jam band" music is very narrow and shallow when it comes to really jamming and creating something and improvising.

**VC:** How do you feel you've progressed as a band since you started 15 years ago?

**BM:** I think we've progressed like any natural organism. We're just evolving and developing our language together. That's very important to us, and if it doesn't evolve or grow then we're just going to die, we're just not going to play together anymore.

**VC:** Who is making music today that is outside that "shallow, narrow" realm?

**BM:** There are so many different types of music that I like. There's a band called Deerhoof that I like, but that doesn't cover everything; they do one thing for me.

Off the top of my head, when it comes to pop music, I like PJ Harvey just because she's so powerful in performance and song writing. I'm not really a songwriter — I consider myself a composer — the sounds are my

language, but her ... I feel like she has a handle on all of it.

**VC:** So do you see a pretty bright future for yourself playing with Medeski and Wood?

**BM:** Yeah, I do. I see it in waves. For instance, the touring is sporadic. We're going to be struggling to keep it together, and other times we're going to be turning down work and those are all different waves.

Sometimes we need a break from one another just because ... we're burnt out. Bands have to be careful, especially this kind of band where we rely on improvisation and a fresh feel on stage.

**VC:** Bob Dylan said recently, "I don't know anybody who has made a record that sounds decent in the past 20 years." How do you feel computers and other technologies impact the production of music?

**BM:** I'm not a technical person, but I believe there is something to be said about the way things were recorded in the past. That sound was a really beautiful sound and the art of recording has dropped in quality.

At the same time, I think you can make a record sound really good and get a really beautiful, pure recording with a computer. I think we're just going through a growing phase.

*Medeski, Scofield, Martin and Wood are scheduled to play Higher Ground tonight, Nov. 14.*

## NYC hosts WRUV jockeys

**The WRUV Executive Board worked and played at this year's College Music Journal Music Marathon**

By ERIN SULLIVAN  
Staff Writer

College Music Journal (CMJ) is an organization that focuses on music events and publishing.

It has a weekly magazine made for college radio stations and those involved in the music



The WRUV Crew takes a break from music marathoning to pose for a picture (Erin Sullivan/Vermont Cynic)

**One of the main focuses of the marathon is to showcase new music by sponsoring concerts in venues scattered throughout the city**

industry such as record companies, promoters and record stores. As well as publishing weekly "Top 30" charts submitted by college radio stations throughout the United States and Canada, CMJ is well known for the annual CMJ

Music Marathon that takes place each fall.

The CMJ Music Marathon has taken place in New York City since 1981. One of the main focuses of the marathon is to showcase new music by sponsoring concerts in venues scattered throughout the city. Previous venues have included Bowery Ballroom, Webster Hall, Irving Plaza, The Knitting Factory and Hammerstein Ballroom.

The marathon also hosts panels to discuss important issues in the music industry and for

emerging artists. Panels feature both prominent and up and coming figures within the music industry.

Individuals who have registered for the marathon receive CMJ badges that grant them access to all marathon events, such as concerts, films and panel discussions. Anyone can purchase a badge for the marathon, and there are group deals and student discounts that help cut down the cost of the somewhat pricey registration fee.

This year's CMJ Music

Marathon, based at the Lincoln Center took place from Oct. 31-Nov. 4. Thousands of people attended the event, including members from UVM's very own WRUV Executive Board.

At the marathon, members of WRUV had the chance to network and solidify their connection with individuals in the music business, such as promoters for bands and record labels on which the station relies for its music supply.

They were also able to attend panel discussions that focused on

topics relevant to the station, such as music production and equipment, promotion and advertising, and the relationship between college radio, record labels and the artists they represent.

Along with panel discussions and networking, the performance line-up was a highlight in and of itself. Performers such as The Shins, The Album Leaf, The Thermals, CSS, The Decemberists, George Clinton,

**At the marathon, members of WRUV had the chance to network with and solidify their connection with individuals in the music business**

Madlib, Girl Talk, The Knife, Hot Chip and Tapes 'n Tapes were among the headliners.

The CMJ Music Marathon is both a critical and fun music-packed week where music lovers, artists and others in the industry come together to celebrate the year's best new music so far as well as those who are going to have an impact on the industry.

For more information about the CMJ Music Marathon, CMJ itself or music news in general, please visit <http://www.cmj.com>.



# "Afro-Semitic" band worships unity

**Cross-cultural concert and service aims to blur lines of division**

By EMILY PICCONE  
Cynic Correspondent

The crowd members formed a circle, held hands, closed their eyes and bowed their heads while Baba David Coleman, the bongo player for Afro-Semitic Experience and a practicing minister, led the sparse crowd in prayer.

He prayed for peace and for the building of community. He urged all in the circle to "share themselves from the inside out."

The Afro-Semitic Experience was brought to UVM Nov. 9 by UVM Hillel, Student Life, the Dean of Students Office



Baba David Coleman (Chaim Strauchler/ Reckless DC Music)

and SGA. The goal of the band is to foster a community between groups of different backgrounds.

The diverse music group, coming from different religious and racial backgrounds, plays together to fuse klezmer, gospel and jazz, creating a sound intended to unite.

The group is made up of six men playing bass, piano, keyboard, percussion, violin, dobra,

**Warren Byrd, the pianist for the band, calls each song a 'free palette'**



Afro-Semitic Experience (Chaim Strauchler/ Reckless DC Music)

bongos, saxophone and clarinet.

The experience was set up as a religious style service, beginning with a calling to worship with the song "Let us Break Bread

Together."

The Experience's music is entirely instrumental, and Warren

Byrd, the pianist for the band, calls each song a "free palette" because the songs are up for complete interpretation by the listener.

Though the band's leader and bassist David Chevan spoke between songs, injecting some meaning into the upcoming piece, the experience was purely up to the listener's imagination and thought.

At one point he spoke of the destruction Jewish temples and later another member offered a poem. These side notes nuanced the service in an informative manner.

To the members of the band, this is not a show, but a time to worship and praise God.

"To me, the offering up of what I have is feeling his grace and experiencing the joy of giving," Byrd said.

The audience joined as a community and was called to worship, as the band picked up their beat.

In the middle of the third song, the violin (an instrument typically associated with klezmer music) fused with the tenor saxophone — a staple in jazz. The result was true music, beautiful and diverse in sound.

Midway through the night the community passed the "peace of God" while Byrd shook every hand in the audience. It was in this idea of an interactive service where the group got their name.

The "experience" was not only watching and listening, but consciously thinking, worshipping and forming community.



## Endless Wire (Republic) The Who

Two of the four original members of one of the world's most famous rock 'n' roll bands are back in action. Both in their sixties, Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey of The Who show the world they can still write and rock with their new album "Endless Wire."

Between Townshend's timeless writing style and Daltrey's well-known classic rock voice, the album exudes the essence of The Who, even with half the members missing.

The album's cover is old school Who. With abstract multi-colored shapes and a flock of crows in front of an indeterminate background, the cover radiates an aura similar to that of their famous album, 1969's, "Tommy."

Also reminiscent of "Tommy" is the mini-rock-opera on "Endless Wire," similar to "Wire and Glass" — their first attempt at an opera since the classic LP.

But The Who's sound has definitely changed. Since the death of their drummer Keith Moon in 1978, they've become mellower. "Endless Wire" contains themes of life, death and faith and tells the stories of and reactions to recent world events such as The Beslan School Hostage Crisis, with the song "Black Widow's Eyes," and Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" in "Man in a Purple Dress" and "2000 Years."

The remaining two Who come together on this album to compile their talents, rekindling the flame of The Who for fans worldwide.

-JORDAN THORSON



## Everready: The Religion (Strange Music) Tech N9ne

Heavy, ambitious and writhingly misogynistic, Tech N9ne's first studio album in four years takes 75 minutes to digest. Filled with sexual escapades, dysfunctional values and pain-influenced angst, "Everready" could start a 12-year-old on a path to Riker's Island.

So why is it so good?

Tech's patented rapid-fire delivery might have something to do with it. Or maybe it's his disregard for musical boundaries when he crosses the thick line from hip-hop to rock. It could also be the inclusion of producer Rick Rock and bay area Hypher man E-40.

Whatever it is, Tech's sound is hot even if his lyrics can be cold. "Welcome to the Midwest" reps his hometown of Kansas City with quick-spitting verses and a creative break involving an orchestra and a catchy Sinatra-esque hook, but demonizes the city.

There's no doubt that the beats on "Everready" are a nod to West Coast rap and Southern Crunk and will make you bob your head — or start a fight — or dance from the window to the wall.

But Tech's energy is unerring and brazen, lending to his overbearing lyrics like those in "My Wife, My Bitch, My Girl," a sexist how-to on playing women.

"Everready" isn't without its kind moments though. In the personal "The Rain," Tech conveys his loathing for life on the road away from his family (his daughter raps on the track.)

This album is Tech N9ne's best work to date, if a little politically incorrect.

-DAVE SACHS



## The Road To Escondido (Reprise/Wea) J.J. Cale & Eric Clapton

Fans of the blues, country, and bluegrass music should not miss the new compilation album from music legends JJ Cale and Eric Clapton, "The Road to Escondido."

Featuring Cale's songs (he wrote 11 of the 14 on the album) and a lineup boasting such names as Taj Mahal, the late Billy Preston, Derek Trucks, and John Mayer, this record is a smattering of American music.

The finest moments on this album come in between the extravagant pentatonic guitar, as much of it stands as a showcase of the two blues guitarists' fluency with their instruments.

One of the most energetic and memorable tracks is "Dead End Road" which starts with an electrifying fiddle solo by Dennis Caplinger, reminiscent of Stephane Grappelli, the great fiddle player for Django Reinhardt.

On the tracks "Three Little Girls" and "Hard to Thrill," featuring John Mayer, Clapton strays from the slow blues riff and offers a more folk-rock feel to the mix.

It is the great songwriting of JJ Cale that holds this album together, however, and tracks like "Heads in Georgia" and "Don't Cry Sister" are evidence that he is still capable of writing memorable songs.

Clapton's success with Cale's songs, "After Midnight" and "Cocaine," brought Cale into the public spectrum, and great songwriting with killer guitar parts make this album an addendum to any blues collection.

-TOM MORSE



## Flava Flav (Draytown) Flava Flav

Flavor Flav's first solo effort (according to him) is an honest assembly of songs that one would expect from the same man who has made a second career from his own candor.

Though his talents on guitar, piano and drums have mostly been obscured by his catchphrases and large clocks, Flav whips out all three instruments on a couple of tracks. The first few songs on "Flavor Flav" are R&B tracks written and sung by the man himself and feature fuzz guitars, gospel bass lines and fat old-school beats.

"Let It Show" makes apparent Flavor's church piano-meets-Parliament/Funkadelic musical groundings, while "Flavor-Man" sounds as though it actually fell right out of George Clinton's rainbow dreads. Here, the musical imagination that Flavor brought to Public Enemy is presented uncut.

But as the album progresses, Flavor's uninspired lyrics and over-programmed (and monotonous) instrumentals become wearisome. Even when the beats are decent Flavor's lack of lyrical substance turns the rest of the album into a blur of self-important hooks.

The last song of the album, a country lament that features programmed beats and cowboy harmonies entitled "Hotter Than Ice," reminds us once again to ask the question: "where does Flavor get his crack?"

-PUTNEY SWOPE

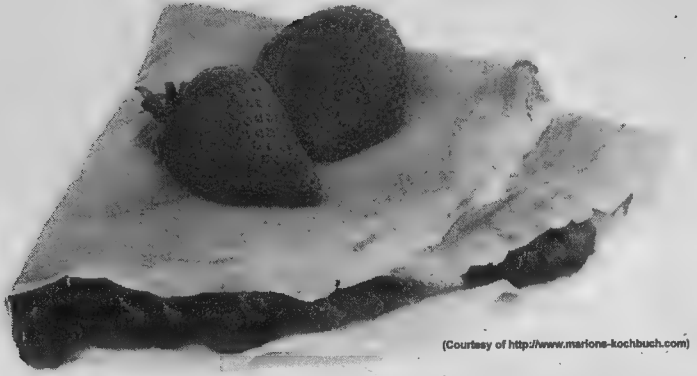
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# College Gourmet



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## Crêpes

- 2 cups white flour
- 1/4 cup unsifted powdered sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups vanilla soy milk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/4 tsp salt

- Combine all ingredients in a blender.
- Heat a skillet with 1 tbsp of canola oil.
- Pour in the batter so that it evenly covers the skillet in a thin layer. When it appears to be firm on one side or golden brown, turn over.
- Once golden brown on the other side, remove from heat.
- Repeat until the batter is gone.
- When the crepes are finished, they should not be too sweet. Now, they may be made sweet when combined with Nutella, jam, fresh fruit and/or sugar; or they may be savory when used with things like goat cheese, ham, spinach, etc.

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# Living Sideways

with Claire Cohen

So you're at a party. Your hair is perfect, makeup is star quality and your outfit couldn't have looked better if it was picked by Dolce and Gabbana themselves.

You've got a drink in your hand and your favorite song just came on. It seems like the perfect night to meet Mr. Right. After all, it is a full moon.

There are good looking guys everywhere, all smiling in your direction at one point or another. And yet, each one of those cute guys with wandering eyes always seem to go home with someone else.

This is the story of our collegiate sex lives. The smart, funny, physically appealing — in a word, perfect — guys are always attracted to someone other than us.

And you know what? It's just not fair. Especially when they are attracted to people that are not, in turn, attracted to them.

I have a friend named Kim who I've lived in close proximity to for the past year. She's a beautiful girl: smart, funny, ambitious, athletic, and generally everything someone would look for. It seems like every other day there's another boy in her room, looking at her with puppy dog eyes.

But Kim is never interested in being more than friends with them. Did I mention she likes girls?

The thing is, the boys never catch on initially. So they go after her anyway. How fair is that to the rest of us — a.k.a. her single straight friends?

Every time a boy stops by, her roommate Christina runs into our room and says something along the lines of "There's a really hot guy playing video games with Kim." And of course, one by one, we all come up with lame excuses to go check him out.

Almost every time, it happens to be one of those guys you've always seen around campus, the ones you mentally add to your wish list of guys to get with before you graduate.

I have to look at this situation comically, because if I don't, I might actually find it quite sad. How does a lesbian get hot guys to swoon over her without doing a thing, while the rest of her friends can't find a guy between the four of them?

The hot guys with crushes on Kim are going to waste. It's a trend that needs to be redirected. We all tell her to send what she doesn't want across the hall; we'd be happy to take them off her hands.

But for Kim, I say, "Share the wealth Kim!" If Kim weren't into girls, she would be checking each of those guys off of her list one at a time. But what about our lists?

As we accumulate more names than we cross off, we must wonder: When is it time to give up, try harder... or just switch teams?



Claire Cohen

## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Library flirt session fails to materialize into first date

Timothy Daniels, known affectionately by his friends as "T-Bone," entered the Bailey-Howe Library to socialize last Friday. Daniels added that he had also gone to the library so that he could "hit the books a little and print out a paper."

The paper, "The Sociological Implications of House Parties In Burlington," was due later that day for Sociology 55.

His professor, Dr. Kevin Chang, had read the paper over the weekend and said it made

him wish he had "never got the Ph D.," and sorry he had "ever tried to teach anything to anyone in the first place."

Daniels stated that he walked over toward the windows so that he could put his coat and bag down "on one of those personal desks with the little shelves." After he found an available carrel, Daniels looked around the library for some of his friends.

"The library is dope," Daniels said, "because I can come here and open a textbook and no one is doing any work."

When asked why he did not prefer studying on the upper floors, he said, "because the most attractive people sit down here and they get uglier each floor you go up."

After Daniels had said "wassup" to some of his "dudes" for a while, he spotted an acquaintance, Samantha Coleman. "I was like 'oh damn!'

because I had seen her last weekend when I was doing field work for my sociology paper. I was going to get her number, but I had to do a keg stand."

*'The library is dope,' Daniels said, 'because i can come here and open a textbook and no one is doing any work'*

Daniels then went over to where she was sitting and pulled a chair beside her and "sat backwards because that's cool, and hot; girls like that." Daniels and Coleman proceeded to talk with occasional laughter for the next three and one half minutes.

"Tim is kind of funny, I guess," Coleman, a junior from

Massachusetts, confessed, "But he looked really weird straddling the chair. And we talked for like ten minutes, so it got kind of awkward."

"Samantha is really cool; she's from Jamaica Plain but I don't think she's a Rastafarian," Daniels said. "We talked for about thirty minutes and I got her number, and then she asked for mine too!" He added.

When asked about the number exchange, Coleman said she got his number so that if he ever called she could just as easily not pick up.

Daniels then realized that he was late for his sociology class and rushed to a computer to print. "It took forever to find my print job on the printer machine, that thing is so confusing," Daniels said, "So I was late to Chang's class, but it's all good, he really likes me."

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## ECO - MIND

### Be green when you clean!

By ERIN ZEISS

Leaving less of an impact on the Earth requires improving our everyday practices. From transportation to cleaning products, the habits we develop are affecting our planet in quite negative ways.

At the University of Vermont, it's important that this is acknowledged and that campus-wide steps are made to promote more environmentally sound practices, such as the use of green cleaning products.

The problematic toxicity of common cleaning products is often overlooked by most, including the University — until recently.

The harshness of the cleaners is undeniable when we are presented with the impacts they're having on the environment and general public. During 2001, over 1.4 million people in the U.S. alone were referred to poison control centers after overexposure to household cleaners.

Over 800,000 of these were children under the age of six.

Our bodies absorb these chemicals very quickly. Consider the fact that around 26 seconds af-



Erin Zeiss

ter being exposed to some of the chemicals in cleaning products, traces of them can be detected in every organ in our bodies.

Also, 150 common household chemicals have been linked to such problems as cancer, birth defects, allergies and psychological abnormalities. The impacts on the environment are also far from pleasant.

Some of the products used by many households are producing dire consequences for our planet. Cleaners, such as household bleach, laundry detergents, dish detergents and others, are quite detrimental to many waterways and affect the aquatic life within them.

Along with water pollution, increased air pollution has been a consequence of thousands of chemicals that are now commercially used. Throughout 2000, approximately 7.1 billion pounds of industrial chemicals were dumped into our air and water by major American companies.

Additionally, of the 25 gallons of toxic chemicals the average U.S. citizen uses each year, the majority come from household cleaning products. These chemicals are going straight down our drains, into the water and spreading through the air.

Green cleaning products of-

fer an alternative to the alarming toxicity of conventional ones. These products do not contain petrochemicals and instead use other chemical extracts and oils.

Reducing the use of petrochemical-based cleaners would not only improve the health of the people exposed to them, but it would help conserve oil.

Replacing traditional cleaners is one relatively simple way in which people can make their everyday practices more eco-friendly.

Recently, the University has introduced green cleaning products into several buildings, including the Aiken Building and the University Heights dorms.

These products are slowly being introduced on campus while the older ones are used up. One such product is called Clean by Peroxy, which is composed of a surprisingly short list of contemporary chemicals, one of which is hydrogen peroxide.

Some of the most significant advantages of using these chemicals includes their biodegradability and low impact on wastewater. Hopefully, hearing that the University is paying closer attention to everyday details such as cleaning products will inspire others to do so as well.

## UVM Research

Jaime Leclerc's research with omega-3 fatty acids

By JAMES STEVENS

Senior Jaime Leclerc is working with assistant professor Dr. Feng-Qi Zhao in the Department of Animal Science

to discover the mechanism by which fatty acids suppress cancer development.

Leclerc's research project began this past summer and is funded by the McNair Scholars Program and a HE-LiX Mini-Grant.

Consumption of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, which are found in oily and cold water fish, such as salmon, have been shown to reduce the risk of both cardiovascular disease and cancer and also to promote the production of anti-inflammatory chemicals in the body.

"Although omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to suppress cancer, especially in breast tissue, the mechanism by which this occurs is still unknown," Leclerc said.

Researchers have proposed many possible answers to this question, though none have been successful in gathering conclusive experimental evidence.

The rate of glucose uptake in breast cancer cells, a process facilitated by a transport protein, is nearly five times that of normal breast tissue. With this in mind,



James Stevens

Leclerc has proposed "omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids might limit cancer growth by decreasing the rate of glucose uptake in cells."

In an attempt to prove this, Leclerc treats breast cancer cells with solutions of varying ratios of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids.

She then harvests the cells, collects their genetic material and uses a technique called real-time PCR to measure how much a particular gene is being expressed.

The gene Leclerc is focusing on is responsible for the transport of glucose into cells. She hopes to demonstrate that "the expression of [this gene] is greatly reduced by treatment with omega-3 fatty acids," which would effectively limit the rate of glucose uptake.

Demonstrating a correlation between omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid treatment and glucose uptake is Leclerc's ultimate goal.

If she is successful, she will not only answer the question of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids' role in cancer suppression, but she will also have taken the first step towards understanding this mechanism in great detail.

**Heard of some interesting research going on at UVM?**  
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<b>FILL THE FIREPLACE</b> 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Billings Apse B307 Bring non-perishable food items and toiletries to donate to local non-profit agencies	<b>S.T.A.N.D. NATIONAL CALL-IN</b> 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Billings North Lounge B300 Come make a quick phone call to your elected officials asking them to pledge more money to protect civilians in Darfur	<b>LECTURE</b> 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Ira Allen Chapel "Travesty: How Federal Educational Policy Corrupts Educators While Failing to Educate America's Poor"
<b>MEN'S HOCKEY</b> 7:05 p.m. Gutterson Fieldhouse	<b>LECTURE</b> 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. Billings Marsh Lounge "Becoming a 'Doctor of Literature': What Medicine is Teaching an English Professor"	<b>PUBLIC HEALTH TALK</b> 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Given Carpenter Auditorium E131 "Building Healthier Vermont Communities," panel discussion
<b>HUNGER BANQUET</b> 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. 3rd Annual Hunger Banquet	<b>OFF-CAMPUS LIVING WORKSHOP</b> 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. L/L Fireplace Lounge Registration: <a href="mailto:alicia.turner@uvm.edu">alicia.turner@uvm.edu</a>	<b>FILM: SKINS</b> 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Fleming Museum A film exploring Native American identity
<b>BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW</b> 7:00 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. L/L Commons 315 Panel discussion featuring Drew Cameron, Mark Hague, Ashley Smith and Dania Nasser	<b>BRASILIAN FILM</b> 7:00 p.m.- 9:15 p.m. "Central Do Brasil"	<b>UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE</b> 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Music Building Recital Hall
<b>UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT</b> 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Music Building Recital Hall		<b>RYTHM &amp; BREWS COFFEEHOUSE</b> 9:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. L/L Fireplace Lounge

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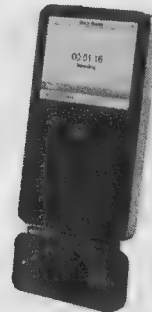
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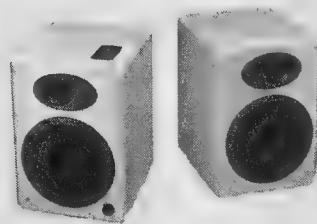
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November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm, Ira Allen Chapel



Jason Zelesky, M.Ed., Asst. Dean of Students: Wellness Outreach Coordinator, Clark University

Jason is the Associate Dean of Students and Wellness Outreach Coordinator at Clark University in Worcester, MA. Jason's lecture and discussion will focus on the social and cultural influences that shape "what it means to be a man" and the development of masculine identity.

November 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm,  
Waterman 413



Tom Schiff, Ed.D. Community Health & Patient Educator University of Massachusetts Amherst

"Healthy Guys or Guise" Tom's lecture and discussion will focus on traditional notions of masculinity and associated health risk. Tom states that "men tend to live less healthy lifestyles than women, including men in college." He asks, as a man do you participate in unhealthy behaviors such as driving after drinking, binge drinking and fighting? You may be buying into an unhealthy concept of masculinity. This talk will look at these dynamics, and explore ways to create healthy change for individuals and communities.

November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm - Waterman 413

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For additional details and information, contact: Keith E. Smith, Men's Outreach Coordinator, 802-656-3340 or keith.smith@uvm.edu





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AUSTIN DANFORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

3:30 p.m.  
November 18, 2006

I've been thinking about it for weeks and the goose bumps are as intense as ever. The hair still stands straight up on the back of my neck — straighter, even. Essentially, the year is riding on Nov. 18.

Oh boy.

Regardless of what comes after, this year's edition of Michigan-Ohio State is the true national championship game. It gets no bigger than this. Undying allegiances aside, this game is HUGE.

On a scale of one to huge, this game doesn't register. It transcends any previous notions of what is "epic." It will inevitably be a game for the ages.

Nov. 18 will be college football's equivalent of the Super Bowl and if you refuse to believe me, watch the buildup this week. Actually, you know, scratch that. This is bigger than the Super Bowl.

With the Super Bowl there are only two weeks of hype. The hype for this Michigan-Ohio State matchup began over a month ago. It been building ever since.

As a Michigan fan I'll cry real tears, win or lose. As a college football fan I'll cry real tears because this sort of game just doesn't come around enough to expect anything less.

Nov. 18 pits the two best teams in the country, Heisman hopefuls, iconic head coaches and faithful legions of followers.

And oh, by the way, Ohio State and Michigan are meeting as #1 and #2, respectively, for the first time ever. Over 100 incarnations of the two of the top programs in the country and we get to experience the first #1 vs. #2 battle this weekend.

For the last month and a half, all signs have pointed toward this "Colossus in Columbus" which is more than can be said for the BCS championship game.

The tone for those weeks wasn't if the two squads made it to Columbus undefeated, but instead a that they were bound to make it to Nov. 18. They had to play with the pressure of two games at once (the game at hand as well as the looming season finale).

So here we are, finally, #1 vs. #2. It's here, it's huge, and it's real. Sounds like the national championship to me. I mean, after all, that is what the vaunted Bowl Championship Series is after. Right?

The sad truth is that it will take nothing short of a miracle to see a rematch of these two best teams on Jan. 8 in the BCS championship game.

In spite of the fact that Michigan and Ohio State are and have proven themselves to be the two best teams in the land, they probably won't meet up in BCS championship game. However, that's another story for another time (probably next week).

The BCS national championship game is set for Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz. In reality though, the national championship will be decided this weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

Nov. 18 — Michigan at Ohio State, #1 vs. #2 — is upon us.

No game has been so highly anticipated, no game is worth more.

# Lady Cats lose season opener

By NICK DECARO  
Cynic Correspondent

The women's basketball team lost their opening game of the season at Patrick Gymnasium Friday night to the University of Massachusetts 60-48.

UMass's Kate Mills and Pam Rosanio each scored 19 points to lead the Minutewomen, and Mills pulled down a game high 13 rebounds.

"She's a terrific player," Vermont head coach Sharon Dawley said.

In the first half the Catamounts jumped out to an early lead, but midway through the half Vermont's shooting failed them. UVM shot only 21 percent from the field in the first half and 26 percent for the game.

UMass took advantage of the cold spell and go on a 13-2 run to grab the lead at 20-14 with three minutes left in the half.

"We had a rough shooting night all around," Dawley said. "You can't shoot 26 percent from

the field."

UMass also capitalized on 33 foul shot opportunities, sinking 24 of them. They also out rebounded Vermont 45 to 36.

The Catamounts' streaky shooting continued in the second half. UMass carried the momentum out of the locker room and took a 41-31 lead with ten minutes to play.

The Minutewomen then rode an 11-4 run to secure a comfortable 52-35 lead with five minutes to play.

Vermont never gave in during the contest, finishing on a 12-6 run.

"We played good defense in spurts, forced 25 turnovers in the game, and played with good intensity throughout," Dawley said.

Cats freshman Courtney Pilypaitis lead Vermont with 11 points and seven rebounds.

"Courtney had a good game; she got off some good shots. Not all of them fell, but that will come with time," Dawley added.

"It was a great feeling to play in my first game," Pilypaitis commented. "We did some good things, and there are things we need to improve on for [the] next game."

Also stepping up in her debut was freshman guard May Kotsopoulos, who scored 10 points along with playing stifling defense up top for Vermont.

"May played terrific," Dawley said. "She is a great defended and she showed it tonight."

Freshman Andrea Cihal provided a good post presence with her solid defense and seven points.

Dawley was pleased with the contributions of her freshman and commented that once the shots start to fall the team will be fine.

Vermont is now 0-1 on the season while UMass stands at 1-0. The Catamounts are home for their next game on Friday as they host the TD Banknorth clas-



Sy Janousek controls the ball for the Cats (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

sic in which Vermont takes on Holy Cross at 8 p.m. The game will be preceded by East Carolina vs. Harvard at 6 p.m.

## Club climbs up the ranks

Men's ice hockey  
excels in top  
northeast conference

By JASON FIDLER  
Senior Staff Writer

"Whatever you do, sign your name to it."

These are the words that Josh Langer lives by, and his name has definitely left a lasting mark on the UVM club ice hockey team; a team that he played for only a few short years ago, and a team that he has coached for the last four years.

"No one knows this team better than I do," Langer said. "I

helped get it off the ground when I was at school. It's my baby."

The incredible amount of effort put into the club by Langer has certainly paid off. This season the team is currently 4-1 and enjoying their first year in the prestigious American Collegiate Hockey Association, Division II.

The team has seen dramatic improvements even from last season, as shown by their record this season compared to last season, which they finished 7-8.

"Each year we've gotten much better talent," said Langer. "I've actually had to cut players that were on the team last year."

To what does he attribute the turnaround? The answer comes

in two words one could find in any introductory business class: competition and marketing.

"Our team is really based on capitalism, on competition," Langer noted. "If you don't play well you're not getting in [the game]. [The players] understand that we're trying to be the best team possible."

The amount of publicity the team has created for itself has attracted plenty of talent to the roster. With the help of the activities fair, as well as the increase in advertisements around campus, many former high school skaters have been drawn to the club. It acts as a non-varsity outlet for hockey that they may otherwise have never known existed.

Junior goalkeeper and club president Andrew Boepple agrees on the "capitalist" system the club works under. "I think there's a new sense of seriousness on the team this year," he said. "The team meets every Wednesday night without coaches. Everyone's working hard to make this a successful season. We all share the workload."

The American Collegiate Hockey Association is "an organization of College/University affiliate programs which provides structure, regulates operations and promotes the quality of collegiate ice hockey," the league's official website states. It is broken down in to three divisions and then further separated into geographical regions.

The University of Vermont is in the Northeast region alongside fellow Hockey East rival's clubs such as Northeastern, UMass and UNH, as well as division III varsity squads, including M.I.T and Bates College.

The four Division II regions (Northeast, Southeast, Central and West) hold playoffs in February, followed by a national playoff held in Fort Collins, Colorado, in early March.

The team's next home game comes on Saturday, Dec. 2 against Bryant University, followed the next day with a game against Endicott College. Both games will be played at Gutter-son Fieldhouse.

## ~NFL~ Week 11 Predictions

By DAKOTA Rubin  
Sports Editor

**Tennessee at Philadelphia** — The Eagles will kick themselves if they don't blow out the Titans. 32-17 Philadelphia.

**Chicago at NY Jets** — The Jets will be looking to build on their win over the Pats but Chicago's D is too strong. 20-10 Chicago.

**Minnesota at Miami** — The Dolphins will extend their winning streak to three against the listless Vikings. 24-10 Miami.

**New England at Green Bay** — The Pats Tom Brady will rally his team to avoid a three game losing streak. 27-17 New England.

**Atlanta at Baltimore** — The Falcons have struggled mightily of late and will continue against the stout Ravens. 20-13 Baltimore.

**Indianapolis at Dallas** — The Colts will remain undefeated when they rip up the Cowboys. 32-17 Indy.

**San Diego at Denver** — The Chargers bring in an incredible amount of momentum but will be stopped cold in a mile high winter. 20-10 Denver.

**NY Giants at Jacksonville** — The Jags need to rebound from last weeks loss but will struggle again against the Giants. 27-13 Giants.

**Cincinnati at New Orleans** — The Bengals will not be able to recover after last weeks terrible loss. 24-17 New Orleans.

**St. Louis at Carolina** — The Panthers will dominate at home against the reeling Rams. 27-20 Carolina.

**Buffalo at Houston** — The Texans will ride the emotion of their huge victory last week and knock off the Bills. 24-17 Houston.

**Detroit at Arizona** — A game of no significance whatsoever is an opportunity for the Cardinals to finally pull out another victory. 20-13 Arizona.

**Seattle at San Francisco** — The 49ers will return to earth after their victory when they get smacked up by the Seahawks. 27-9 Seattle.

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# Cats get the point

**Vermont ties  
N'eastern to earn  
their first Hockey East  
point of the year**

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

The Vermont women's hockey team tied the Northeastern University Huskies 3-3 in overtime on Saturday at Gutterson Fieldhouse.

Vermont dominated the overtime period, outshooting the Huskies 4-1 and 28-23 overall, but could not collect a win.

"We knew we could compete in this game," UVM head coach Tim Bothwell said. "We knew we could even win and I think we did a great job competing today with getting down but always tying things back up all game."

The Huskies came out strong, initially dominating Vermont. After Annie Hogan put Northeastern on the board in the second minute of play off an assist from Ginny Berg, the Cats answered back with a goal of their own scored by sophomore Danielle Ramirez and assisted by freshman Chelsea Furlani at the 7:50 mark.

Vermont goalkeeper Shivaun Siegl was beat again with 8:05

left in the first period by Chelsey Jones, assisted by Amy Goodny, giving Northeastern a 2-1 lead.

"We had to be ready at any time," Siegl said. "It was important to make sure everyone had an extra jump on their step to counteract their speed and to get the upper hand whenever we could."

Less than a minute later Furlani answered with a goal of her own, lifting the puck past Northeastern goalkeeper Stacey Scott off of assists from junior Karen Sentoff and senior Ashley Keane. Furlani's goal was her third of the season.

The play was even throughout the second period until, with 1:02 left, Colleen Sanborn put the puck past Siegl on the power play, putting NU ahead 3-2 going into the third period.

The Huskies went 1-5 on the power play, while Vermont was unable to connect on any of their nine opportunities.

"We continue to struggle on the power plays," said Bothwell. "We can't get the puck through from the point quick enough to get the chance to shoot. The puck needs to be released faster so we can execute the fundamentals needed for a power-play goal."

At the 7:08 mark, junior Kate Lesniak beat Scott to tie the score 3-3 and send the game into overtime. Lesniak's goal, her first of the season, came off an assist by junior Kristi Anderson as the two skated up the ice and successfully converted a missed pass by the Huskies to the game tying goal.

With the tie, the Cats earn their first conference point as their season record improves to 2-8-1 and 0-4-1 in Hockey East. Northeastern improves to 2-7-1 (1-3-1).

Vermont continues their nine-game homestand against Robert Morris Saturday Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.



Senior Gabe Worzella (2) beats a Husky defender to the puck on Saturday (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

## Goal in motion

Vermont's game-tying goal against N'eastern

Photos by Simone LaBonté



A play that began with Kristi Anderson (27) feeding the puck to Kate Lesniak for her first goal of the season...



...ended with the celebration of a 3-3 tie...



...and the first Hockey East point of the season for the Cats.

# Cats' MacMillan swims laps around competition

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

One might imagine that after shattering a slew of pool records in just her fourth collegiate meet, UVM freshman swimmer Molly MacMillan would have something to boast about. However, for the Doylestown, Pa. native, individual accolades could not be further from her mind.

"For me, swimming is about improving and having a personal record," she said. "That's what I always shoot for. Breaking the record was just awesome on top of that."

However modest, it would be tough for even MacMillan to deny the excellence of her performance thus far. In the Nov. 4 181-119 loss to UNH, MacMillan led the Cats, breaking two pool, varsity, and freshmen records.

Not only did MacMillan rewrite the record books for the 100 (59.69) and 200 (2:07.62) backstroke events, but she was also a winner on the 400 freestyle relay team (3:40.28) that qualified for the ECAC's.

What is most remarkable is that MacMillan, who grew up swimming against boys, had never swam the 200 before.

"It's pretty crazy," she said. "I came here expecting to do well, but I never anticipated to do that well."

Branched from a swimming-oriented family tree, MacMillan credits much of her success to her competitive upbringing. MacMillan's mother, Kathleen, competed at the University of South Carolina and went to the Olympic Games trials.

Genetics aside, MacMillan's mother was instrumental in her swimming initiation for another reason.

"My three sisters and I all started swimming because our mom didn't want us to drown in the ocean."

Now MacMillan could probably swim across it, fast. Yet, MacMillan — who chose UVM over Dartmouth, Cornell and Penn State — would rather not swim it alone. For the freshman star, one of swimming's greatest pleasures comes from feeling a sense of team unity.

"Just being on a team, it gives you a really good group of friends that are always there for you," she said. "When you look up at the board and see your times improve together it's the best feeling."

"We've been working really

hard since day one. Everyone really respects each other and works hard for each other. As much as swimming seems like an individual sport, it is really so much of a team sport."

What makes MacMillan a phenom is her uncanny ability to succeed under pressure. Balancing academics can be tough enough for a student. Add on the physical, emotional and mental weight of being an athlete and the combination can be overwhelming. MacMillan finds a way to flourish under such circumstances.

"I feel like I do well under pressure," she said. "I thrive when I have a lot of stress. It really forces you to manage your time and work ahead."

Try to keep up with MacMillan and you'll likely be lapped. Modestly personable and athletically gifted, she deflects the spotlight of her accomplishments, credits teammates enormously and takes pride in being part of a team. Still, MacMillan's love for swimming comes down to one thing.

"I love to beat people."

What did you expect? She's used to swimming with boys anyway.

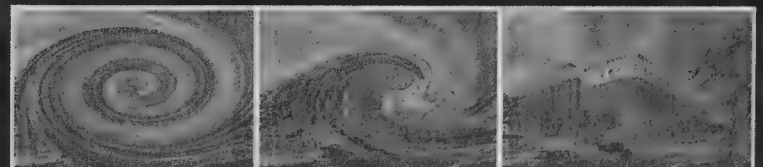
## PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Torrey Mitchell - Men's Hockey



The junior forward scored one goal and had two assists in the Catamounts 4-2 victory over Providence on Friday night. The co-captain now has 10 points on the season on two goals and eight assists.

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# SEASON IN REVIEW

By Dakota Rubin and Joanna Benjamin

## Field Hockey

-The field hockey team finished this season with the second most wins in team history (11), advancing to the America East playoffs for the second straight season and third time in five years  
 -Head coach Nicki Houghton became the first field hockey coach in UVM history to be named America East Coach of the Year  
 -For the second consecutive season, junior **Danielle Collins** lead the team and league in scoring. She set new team records this season for most points (48) and goals (18). Collins also ranked eighth nationally in points per game (2.5) and 10th overall in goals per game (1.0)  
 -Collins and sophomore Maegan Luce were selected as first team All-Conference, while junior Kate Lipton and sophomore Kim Striegler received second team honors. Redshirt freshman Kristen Heavens and true freshman Sarah Meacham earned the honor of being named to the America East All-Rookie team

### CYNIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DANIELLE COLLINS

The junior forward made an All-Conference team for the third consecutive year after completing one of the most prolific seasons in Catamount history

### Stats

Goals per game	3.01
Goals allowed	2.71
Shots per game	16.6
Shot pct.	.187
Goalies save pct.	
-Heavens	.747
-Hickey	.684

Stats courtesy of UVM Athletic Communication

"Vermont is clearly establishing a higher set of standards and expectations for the future"  
 -head coach Nicki Houghton

### Record

- 11-8 Overall  
 - 3-2 in America East (4th)

Lock Haven	W 6-3
Providence	L 5-4
@ Sacred Heart	L 6-2
@ Brown	L 5-2
Miami (Ohio)	W 5-4
Davidson	W 3-0
@ Cornell	W 2-0
Louisville	L 6-2
@ Syracuse	W 3-2
@ UMBC	W 5-1
@ Maine	L 3-2
@ UMass	W 6-4
BU	W 2-1
Rutgers	L 3-1
@ Dartmouth	W 4-2
@ UNH	W 4-3
Albany	L 3-2
URI	W 4-1
America East Playoffs:	
@BU	L 4-1



Bill Dalio/UVM Photo

## Women's Soccer

-The team made the America East playoffs for the second straight season under coach Kerry Dzickanec  
 -Freshman forward Carson Laderoute led the team in scoring with seven points on three goals and one assist  
 -Laderoute, along with fellow freshmen Jenny Solberg and Eliza Bradley, all recieved America East Rookie of the Week  
 -Bradley and Solberg were also honored as members of the America East All-Rookie team. Sophomores Kaitlin Francis and Emilie Rowe garnered spots on the All-Conference second team  
 -Senior defender Laura Carollo started all 18 games this season and earned a spot on the America East Women's Soccer All-Championship team  
 -Bradley recorded 91 saves and had a save percentage of .805, while starting 15 out of the 18 games

### Record

- 5-10-3 Overall  
 - 3-3-2 America East (6th)

Duquesne	T 1-1
Northeastern	L 2-0
Buffalo	L 2-0
Siena	W 2-1
@ Virginia	L 6-0
@ George Washington	L 2-1
Dartmouth	L 2-0
UMass	W 1-0
Binghamton	W 3-0
@ Albany	L 3-1
BU	T 0-0
Harvard	L 2-0
@ UNH	L 1-0
Hartford	T 1-1
UMBC	W 2-1
@ Maine	L 1-0
@ Stony Brook	W 1-0
America East Playoffs:	
@ Maine	L 2-0

### A Family Affair

The team included three sets of siblings: the Carollo sisters (Laura and Emma), the Kaknes sisters (Abby and Lexie) and the Cirilli sisters (Eileen and Susie)

### CYNIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELIZA BRADLEY

The true freshman from CVU recorded four regular season shutouts, which is the most by a UVM goalkeeper since 1997

## Men's Soccer

### Record

- 9-7-4 Overall  
 - 5-1-2 America East (2nd)

Saint Peter's	W 3-1
Cal Poly	T 0-0
@Portland	T 0-0
Washington	L 1-0
Cornell	W 3-1
Cent. Connecticut	L 4-3
@ URI	L 3-2
@ UMass	W 1-0
@ Harvard	L 2-1
UNH	W 2-1
Stony Brook	W 1-0
@ UMBC	T 1-1
@ Albany	W 3-0
Hartford	W 1-0
@ BU	L 2-1
Maine	W 3-2
@ Binghamton	T 0-0
Dartmouth	L 2-1
America East Playoffs:	
UNH	W 1-0
AE Final:	
@ Binghamton	L 1-0

-Senior co-captain Corey Bronner was selected to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I Men's Soccer First Team  
 -Bronner along with goalkeeper Roger Scully and back Conner Tobin were selected as members of the America East All-Championship team  
 -Freshmen T.J. Gore, Nick Mead and Rem Kielman were named to the America East All-Rookie team. Gore also joined sophomore **Jordan Crasilneck** on the America East All-Conference First Team, while Tobin and co-captain Panos Georgiadis were selected to the All-Conference Second Team  
 -Senior Scully recorded 70 saves on the season and a .843 save pct. in 17 games

### CYNIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JORDAN CRASILNECK

The only player to start all 19 games this season led the team in scoring with 16 points on six goals and four assists

"I am extremely proud of our team as the program made big strides forward this season. Nearly everyone on the roster returns and I feel the future is very bright"  
 -head coach Jesse Cormier



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## Chinese ambassador visits Vt.

First ever visit to Vermont makes history, sparks questions, attracts protesters



Protesters gather outside of St. Michael's College in Colchester for the Chinese ambassador's visit. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

By NOAH STAUM  
Staff Writer

For the first time in Vermont history, a Chinese ambassador to the United States landed on Green Mountain soil.

In a trip organized by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce (VCC) and the Vermont Council on World Affairs (VCWA), Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong toured Chittenden county in an effort to provide himself and Vermonters with further understanding of China and Vermont's cultural and economic relationship.

The visit culminated at the Ross Sports Center at Saint Michael's College, where Zhou gave a speech

entitled "Vermont and China: A Search for Collaboration," followed by a question and answer session.

Among the crowd of approximately 300 people were President Daniel Fogel, Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie and VCC President Duane Marsh.

Marsh said that Zhou's visit was important to both Vermont and China, in order for both sides to develop a better understanding of different cultural points of view.

Also present were Tibetan Association of Vermont acting President Tenzin Mingyur Geygong, UVM Students for a Free Tibet Co-President Sam Maron and a group of Tibetan Vermont residents protesting

at the entrance and present in the back of the venue — flags held high.

After Zhou's speech, protesters began chanting "Free Tibet!" and police dragged out one man, who would not be quiet when asked, as he screamed the words.

Maron said that the ambassador's visit was a unique opportunity that needed to be used to expose what China has done in Tibet. He said that he hoped protesting at the event would get people thinking, raise awareness and encourage people to listen with a critical ear.

Zhou's speech focused primarily on economic issues

See "Ambassador" page 4



Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong (left), alongside Vermont Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## Livable wage:

### Fogel responds to task force

By HAZEL RYERSON  
Senior Staff Writer

This Thursday, President Fogel announced what steps the University will take towards implementing a livable wage policy, an announcement that left many leaders of the livable wage campaign disappointed and outraged.

For over a year the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) has pressured the University administration to implement a livable wage for all UVM employees. Last April, Fogel responded by creating the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force to research livable wage as it applies to UVM.

Fogel and Senior Vice President and Provost John Hughes met with the task force on Thursday to discuss its final recommendations. The meeting began as Fogel thanked the task force for its hard work and ended in public outrage when community members expressed the opinion that Fogel's response was inadequate.

"I feel personally that the discussion that went on today was an effort to discredit the work of the task force. I am disgusted by that," SLAP co-coordinator Max Tracy said.

Fogel responded to the public criticism and defended the administration's policies. "For this community to continually say that the glass is half empty when it is clearly half full is morbid ... it is pathological; it is hurting the fabric of the community," Fogel said.

The task force unanimously agreed that the University "should establish a minimum hourly wage that is not based on labor market conditions, but on the basic needs of a single person household," as the recommendation stated.

The task force calculated this basic needs wage at \$12.28 per hour using livable wage data from the Joint Fiscal Office of Vermont.

Fogel did not respond directly to the implementation of a livable wage. Instead he spoke about the new United Electrical (UE) union contract

See "Livable Wage" page 4

## Civil charges are dismissed in FIJI case



The FIJI fraternity house on Main Street. Last spring, hazing allegations emerged following a party held by the fraternity (Cynic photo)

Although the civil case was overturned, UVM may appeal to state attorney's office

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Staff Writer

Last spring, members of UVM's chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) Fraternity, were issued tickets for violating Vermont's new hazing policy. On Nov. 29, Judge Charon True dismissed the civil charges against four members of FIJI.

The basis for the hazing law stemmed from a 2000 incident at UVM involving the men's hockey team initiating

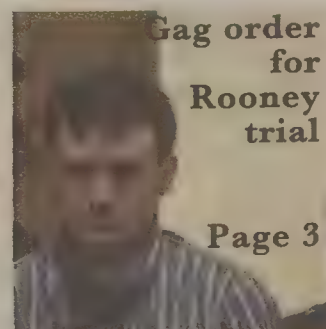
new players by forcing them to drink warm beer until they vomited. New players were then forced to hold each other's genitals and do an "elephant walk."

When asked about the incident at FIJI by Channel 3 news, UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said that, "They were made to dress up like gay cowboys and taunted as a result of that, based on the 'Brokeback Mountain' theme."

The alleged party took place on March 2, and according to UVM police reports, pledges were dressed up like cowboys and were berated with sexual epithets.

"To accuse someone or an organization of hazing, you first have to prove that the conduct occurred in the context of

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# A semester of violence at UVM

## University plagued with incidents of gender related violence

By DANIELLE  
GOLDSCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

Officer Sue Roberts uses the blunt edge of her fist to incapacitate an attacker, breaking their nose, temporarily stopping the assault. Although she is not fighting an actual perpetrator, the students taking the self-defense class still smile and giggle uncomfortably.

"We need to train ourselves to be more obnoxious... It's hard to get past the hurdle of striking back, of giving yourself permission to hit," Roberts said.

With the violent death of Michelle Gardener-Quinn and recent attacks in dorms, there is a wary feeling on campus, according to Roberts.

In 2004, there were seven forcible rapes and 19 non-forcible rapes- 26 sexual assaults in total. Between 2003 and 2004, burglary rates dropped from 159 to 79, only to increase to 93 in 2005. Although there doesn't seem to be a steady increase in violence specifically in 2006, an increase in population at UVM leads to an increase in violence, Roberts said.

The UVM annual crime report does not include the number of anonymous reports, leading to incongruent numbers. Gender violence itself is under reported, women's center director LuAnne Rolley said.

Over the past year, Rolley has seen increased numbers of students using the services pro-

vided by the women's center. "Even prior to Michelle's death we have seen an increase in students, but I know when students see things happening to a friend, that raises awareness," Rolley said.

Person X, who does not wish his identity to be revealed, is one of those victims. He was downtown by South Willard Street when a drunken man stumbled into him.

"I jokingly told him to watch where he was going and I asked what street I was on, because I didn't have my glasses. Instead of telling me, he hit me and said 'that will teach [you] to not be so rude next time,'" Person X said.

Person X, who identifies as a transgender male, said, "this was a gender related attack, once he picked me up and my shirt ripped and he realized I wasn't biologically male, the attack got worse."

Eventually, the victim was able to escape and run to the library. "I would have looked normal to anyone sitting around me, after about 30 minutes, I was

**"I don't think its as safe as it looks. People have this myth in their head it's the safest place in the world, but it's a city and people forget that"**

-Anonymous victim

able to run back to L/L. I was crying and shaking and I couldn't say what happened," Person X said.

Beyond the immediate physical damage of the attack, Person X said he couldn't sleep or eat for days, and ultimately was pre-



Clockwise from upper left corner: Adam Briere, Adam Briere, UVM police service, Burlington PD, UVM police services, Adam Briere, Austin Danforth, Burlington Free Press, Marielle Ludwig, Burlington Free Press, Marielle Ludwig, Burlington Free Press, Burlington Free Press, Shane Clark, UVM Police Services.

scribed anti-anxiety drugs by a doctor.

"I still feel like I can't stay in one place for too long; it has made me question my identity," he said.

Person X has not returned to the scene of the crime but feels as if students take the safety of the campus for granted. "I don't think it's as safe as it looks. People have this myth in their head it's the safest place in the world, but it's a city and people forget that. Looks can be deceiving."

"Everyone knows you shouldn't walk by yourself, but it only takes once, be cautious instead of having to go through this- it's not worth it," Person X

said.

AG, who did not want her identity revealed, believes the campus itself is unsafe. In 2004, AG and her roommate were sexually assaulted and raped. According to AG, this was made possible by an inadequate security system.

"After I escaped he was still able to find me. I swiped myself to get into my dorm, but because of UVM's system for 45 to 60 seconds the door stayed unlocked. He was able to find our room because it said our names on the door," AG said.

According to AG, UVM did not give a lot of support to her or her roommate, prescribing her tranquilizers after her first

appointment at The Women's Center, and losing all her information at the second meeting.

"If I'm not important as a sexual assault victim, than who is important? When I told one of my sociology professors he said 'What do you want me to do about it?'"

"I understand why women don't tell. When my friend came back to school, The Women's Center was supposed to pick her up and they forgot," AG said.

According to officer Roberts, "violence is everywhere." "I wish we could be as independent as we want, I wish we could make consent sexy, but we all have the burden to watch each other."

## Global warming: it's our problem

### "Inconvenient Truth" producer tells UVM students they can help stop global warming

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Staff Writer

In front of a packed Ira Allen Chapel, and broadcast to an overflowing CC Theater, Laurie David said, "It's not about politics. It's about ethics."

David has worked with envi-

ronmental groups and is a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. She is also involved with many activist groups combating global warming. David, who happens to be the wife of comedian Larry David, recently released her first book, "The Solution is You: Stop Global Warming."

David spoke extensively about the United States' personal responsibilities to take steps to stop global warming. David cited scientist James Hanson, who contends that the earth has 10 years

to slow down global warming. "It is still our choice," said David.

David also highlighted the success that individual colleges across the country were having in

**David praised the green buildings at UVM and the bookstore's sale of energy saving mini-fridges**



Activist Laurie David  
(Adam Briere/ Vermont Cynic)

regards to the problem of global warming.

David spoke about the University of Florida at Gainesville, which has upgraded its vehicular fleet to hybrid cars.

However, the successes of UVM's environmental steps did not go unnoticed. David praised the green buildings at UVM and the bookstore's sale of energy saving mini-fridges.

"The sacrifice is only if you do nothing," David said. "We have to have a very serious and immediate shift in attitude."

David also discussed the film "An Inconvenient Truth," her latest project, which she produced. "An Inconvenient Truth" is a documentary featuring former Vice President Al Gore presenting a lecture on global warming.

David hopes that the fight against global warming will promote a "clean, green industrial movement." She believes that there is a lot of potential both for business and technology with going green.

David pushed for the documentary to be presented in science classrooms across the country. She recently wrote an editorial in *The Washington Post* after the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) turned down her gift of 50,000 free copies of "An Inconvenient Truth."

David accused the NSTA of refusing to present "An Inconvenient Truth" to students because of the large monetary support that the NSTA has received from groups such as Exxon Mobil.

"NSTA has distributed a video produced by API called 'You Can't Be Cool Without Fuel,' a shameless pitch for oil dependence," David said in the Nov. 26 *The Washington Post* editorial.

David has started a Web site with Senator John McCain and activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The Web site, <http://www.stop-globalwarming.org>, asks people to join their "virtual march" for global warming awareness.

"People build movements and movements move mountains," David said, urging the crowd to get involved in global warming activism.

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# Brakes fail on UVM bus

## UVM off-campus bus brakes fail causing bus to rear-end car

By LAUREN VILBERT  
Staff Writer

UVM bus driver Dave Lobdell got into a minor accident on Pearl Street at about 7:45 p.m. Friday. The passengers on the bus and Lobdell were not injured, but some were a little shaken up.

When leaving the Jeanne Mance dorms on Pearl Street, just before North Willard Street, Lobdell realized that the brakes were not working. "I kept pushing the brakes as hard as I could and the bus wasn't stopping," Lobdell said.

"The brakes were working earlier that morning. This has been the first mechanical problem I've had with the buses that was serious," he said.

**"I kept pushing the brakes as hard as I could and the bus wasn't stopping,"**

-Bus driver Dave Lobdell

As the bus rolled downhill at about 10 miles per hour, the bus hit a car in front of them. The bus had no noticeable damage and the car had minor damage to its bumper. The bus had about seven passengers who were forced to get off after the accident.

For the most part, the passengers remained calm," bus

security guard Jamie Hanson said.

Police came to file an accident report and to direct traffic while the bus was towed.

"UVM has pretty old buses, but UVM does a good job at keeping them up," Lobdell said. "The buses here are in constant use, and the mechanic that works for UVM is a very good mechanic."

There are eight buses in use at the University and there will be two new compressed natural gas buses added to the fleet in the future. University buses are typically acquired when federal funding is available for them. "My boss is great at wheeling and dealing," Lobdell said.

The University has

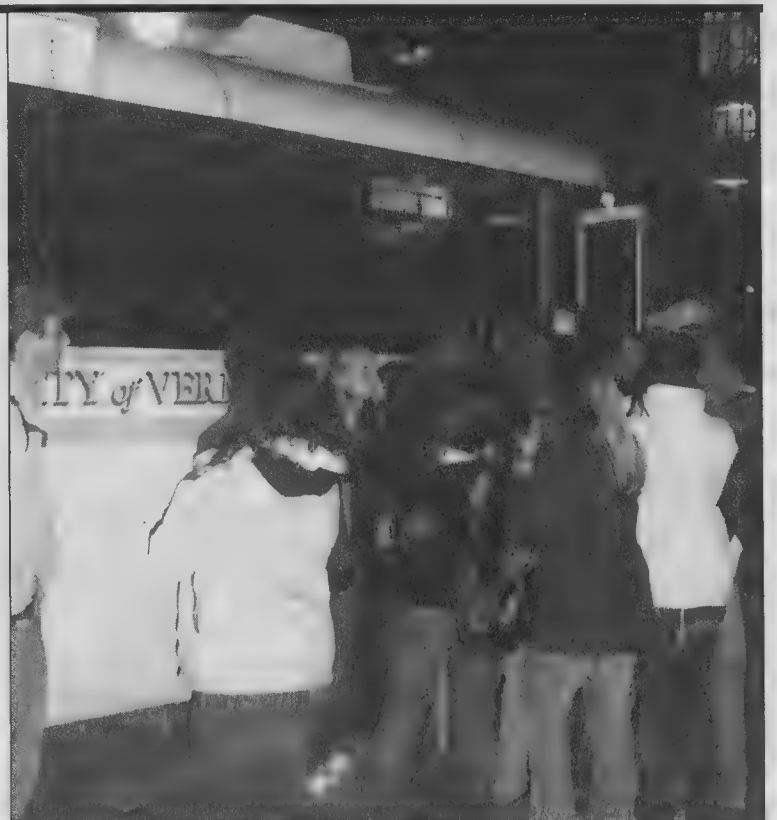
increased the running times on Friday and Saturday nights until one or two in the morning for safety purposes. "I'll stop anywhere to pick students up. I'm not going to pass anyone up and make them walk home," he said.

For safety reasons, the police do realize that the kids on the bus have probably been drinking, but the police are not looking to make trouble and get kids for drinking underage, Lobdell said. Police just want to get the students safely back to campus.

"I think that the fact that there is a 21-year-old drinking age is both illegal and unconstitutional," Lobdell said, in response to a question about an 18-year-old drinking age.



UVM's cadre of buses at rest (Kensington R. Moore / Vermont Cynic)



Students piling into the off campus bus (Laura Pedro/Vermont Cynic)

## Gag order on Rooney trial

### Rooney to be tried despite *Seven Days* article

By COLIN LUCAS  
Staff Writer

Brian Rooney will be tried on the charges that he murdered UVM senior Michelle Gardner-Quinn, despite the editorial published by *Seven Days*. But a gag order has been issued for all involved with the case.

This ruling came in response to attempts by Rooney's lawyer, David Sleigh, to get the case thrown out after FBI agent T.C. Fuller submitted an editorial to *Seven Days*.

According to Sleigh, the editorial contained information damaging to Rooney's right to a fair trial. State's Attorney Justin Jiron disputed Sleigh's contentions, saying that the article did not merit a dismissal of the case, *The Free Press* reported.

District Judge Michael S. Kupersmith refused to accept Sleigh's objections, writing, "He has not cited any legal authority for his contention that deliberate, adverse pretrial publicity by the state provides a basis for the court to grant the relief requested," the *The Free Press* reported.

The gag order, filed by Kupersmith, prohibits "any attorney, detective, investigator or law enforcement employee who is participating in, or has participated in the investigation or litigation" of the Rooney case from releasing any information to the public, including



Rooney (Courtesy Burlington Free Press)

the press.

The intention of a gag order is to prevent attorneys or investigators from making comments that could over-publicize a case prior to trial and lead to prejudiced jurors.

*The Free Press* reported that Sleigh claimed that the gag order put Rooney's defense at a disadvantage.

Agent Fuller's article in *Seven Days* contained information about the investigation of Gardner-Quinn's murder and stated conclusively that Brian Rooney was guilty as charged.

According to *The Free Press*, Fuller's submission to *Seven Days* was against FBI policy.

Rooney's charges include one count of aggravated murder along with unrelated sex charges from St. Johnsbury and Burlington. He is being held in prison without bail.

## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

### Corrections from Issue 13, Nov. 14:

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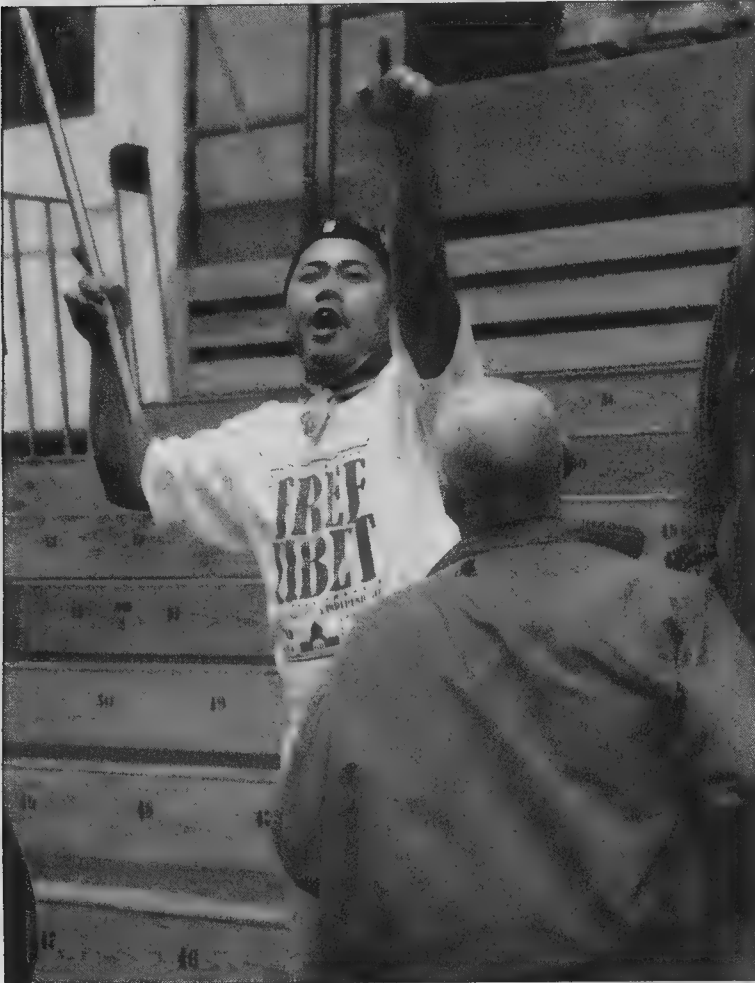
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A protester at St. Michael's College, Wednesday, is approached and removed from the Chinese ambassador's address, part of the ambassador's first visit to Vermont. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## Ambassador

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such as business, foreign investment and trade with the U.S.

China's foreign trade last year amounted to \$1.42 trillion, making China the third largest trading nation in the world. "China's market is thriving and holds tremendous potential for growth," Zhou said.

The ambassador discussed future hopes to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and China.

Audience members submitted questions that former Middlebury College President Olin Robison, sorted and generalized into three different categories—countries and regions, economic issues and issues distinctly concerned with China—to ask the ambassador.

Zhou addressed China's relationship with Russia, North Korea, Japan and Taiwan. He supported China's "One China Policy," saying "Taiwan is a part of China," and that "Taiwan independence would mean war."

Questions concerning economic issues focused on China's growing interest in Africa, particularly Sudan, Iraq and Iran.

"From our point of view, any contribution to the

supply of oil to the world market should be welcomed," Zhou said of China's interest in Sudan oil, "because any contribution to the supply would actually reduce the pressure of the upward trend of the oil price."

Zhou hinted at China's opposition to the Iraq War, but explained measures the country would take to help resolve problems there, such as debt exemption.

Globalization and Tibet were the topics of many questions.

"Globalization is something you can't resist," Zhou said, explaining that China's fundamental policy toward globalization is to continue to open up and import. Zhou closed the issue by saying, "what is best in China is what works in China."

The protesters, who hours earlier had been chanting, "what we want? We want justice!" and "long live Dalai Lama!" on the street corner, awaited the ambassador's response to the Tibet issue, which was no different than that to the issue of Taiwan, saying, "Tibet is a part of China."

The protesters responded with "boos."

Zhou continued to support the "One China Policy" and said that their position on Tibet is now that of the international community, and that

China is doing its best to help Tibet's development.

Fogel said afterward that it was wonderful to have the ambassador in Vermont and that he was very direct when speaking.

"I'm not defending his position, I'm just saying he was very direct."

**Globalization and Tibet were the topics of questions about issues distinctly concerned with China**

## FIJI

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some sort of initiation or membership or qualification procedure. The University failed to prove that," defense attorney David Sleight said.

"We are continuing to work within the guidelines of our suspension as handed down on July 20, 2006, and we look forward to the fall 2007 when we will be eligible to operate as a recognized Greek organization at UVM once more," Joseph Thibault, graduate advisor for the UVM chapter of FIJI said.

Chief Margolis told reporters after the decision that the UVM police were going to speak about the possibility of appealing the decision to the Chittenden County State Attorney's office.

Sleight told reporters that there was a possibility that a defamation suit might be considered depending on the outcome of the University-led investigation into the matter.

"I think the University proceeded in bad faith and I think it qualifies as malicious prosecution."

"Whether we avail ourselves of a remedy, we'll see," Sleight told *The Burlington Free Press*.

In an e-mail sent to UVM students, the University stated, "the police report is being turned over to the Center for Student Ethics and Standards for review and consideration for possible University policy violations. The University judicial process, if warranted, will proceed with a hearing to determine organizational or individual responsibility and, as necessary, issue administrative sanctions."

## Livable wage

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that was finalized in October.

Fogel said the conditions of the new contract for the UE will also apply to non-union employees who receive less than livable wage. According to the task force, there are 256 employees receiving less than a livable wage, 73 of whom are not repre-

**It is unclear what route the livable wage campaign will take next**

sented by a union.

"There is substantial gain here," Fogel said of the new contract, which set the wage floor at \$10.60 per hour. The UE represents 330 maintenance workers at the University, 181 of whom are currently earning less than a livable wage.

"This has put us in a leadership position with other public institutions and neck-in-neck with some wealthier institu-

tions," Fogel said, referring to a chart that showed UVM's new wage floor as second only to Georgetown.

Fogel also pointed out that under the conditions of the new contract, the wage floor will rise to \$10.75 by this spring.

Economics professor Ross Thomson, a member of the task force, asked Fogel how the University will implement the conclusions of this report.

"We feel we have already done that for the time being ... [\$10.60] is in the zone of what you recommended," Fogel said.

"It doesn't matter that \$10.75 is above our peers. That is not a livable wage," SLAP and task force member Sam Maron said.

"I am disappointed to hear that you are not taking a bolder step and moving forward some of the recommendations of the task force," said Jennifer Larsen, a member of the task force representing the non-unionized University employees.

Fogel and Hughes cited health care and retirement benefits, subsidized transportation costs and tuition remission for University employees as benefits that should be included when calculating the livable wage for employees.

Maron said that the task force did include these factors in its calculation of \$12.28, but according to Fogel, "there are



President Fogel (Cynic photo)

many ways to calculate livable wage" and he did not want to "quibble over cents" at the public meeting.

It is unclear what route the livable wage campaign will take next. At this date, Fogel has not asked the task force to reconvene.

"The response from SLAP is that absolutely none of our demands were met," Maron said.

SLAP met Thursday evening to discuss what strategy to pursue next. "No one really knows what happened here. Our campaign needs to start by telling people that," SLAP member Kat Nopper said at the meeting.

"We are not going to stop. This fight continues, I am committed as a student, an activist and a human being to the implementation of this policy," Tracy said.



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# It's 1984 all over again

Opinion Editorial - Stephen R. Hausmann - Features Editor

"He who controls the present, controls the past. He who controls the past, controls the future."

George Orwell wrote this line – a truth the likes of which rarely since or prior has been uttered – in his unbearably dystopian novel, *1984*. For those who have not read it, the general plot is that London (and indeed, much of the world) has fallen under the rule of a totalitarian regime that has complete, dominant and perpetual control over... everything. By modifying the truth, law and the media, nothing escapes "Big Brother."

The ironically named Ministry of Truth controls all the lies told by Big Brother, allowing only "truthful" (i.e. those in tune with Big Brother's ideas) stories to go to print. Good thing *1984* is just a story, right? Right?!

"The U.S. Defense Department has set up a new unit to better promote its message across 24-hour rolling news outlets, and particularly on the internet. The Pentagon said the move would boost its ability to counter 'inaccurate' news stories and exploit new media," BBC News reported on Oct. 31 of this year.

Former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, speaking on behalf of the newly created unit, said his main concern is that U.S. "enemies" (that ever so vague specter) will "manipulate the media."

"That's the one thing that keeps me up at night," he said.

Back to 1984 once again. Part of Big Brother's manner of control is through a perpetual war – either with "Eurasia" or "Eastasia"; one of whom is always and interchangeably cast as the "enemy." Through fear of their success (they being a foreign, unknowable and generally unseeable enemy... Al-Qaeda, anyone?) Big Brother is able to suspend any and all civil liberties, including – that's right – freedom of speech. "If you speak out against Big Brother, the enemy wins!"

**When the government  
creates an "accurate" truth,  
the government controls  
what goes in the history  
books**

An easy mantra to buy into if thinking is a little too much work and you care not about the Constitution.

"Fear will keep the star systems in line, fear of this battle station," Grand Moff Tarkin claimed in *Star Wars*. The "Tarkin Doctrine," as my fellow nerds will recognize, was to rule through fear of a weapon of mass destruction, the Death Star. Sound familiar?

This new media unit would, according to a Pentagon memo, "develop mes-

sages" for the 24-hour news cycle and "correct the record."

Obviously the "correct" message is any which falls in line with the administration's ideals. We aren't sliding down a slippery slope anymore folks – we've slid, our ass is burning from the friction and it's our decision whether we stop ourselves before we hit the cold stone bottom of fascism.

It's very easy to dismiss what I'm saying as liberal, anti-Bush, Chicken Little-esque fear mongering. But government-sanctioned torture has suddenly become legal; the CIA has secret prisons; the U.S. government is illegally monitoring its own citizens. All because if we don't do these, the terrorists win. What will it take to open your eyes to the chunks of sky spiraling down on Washington?

Perhaps the most terrifying thing to happen to America in my 19 years is this blatant disregard for the U.S. Constitution, this abomination of all that the founding fathers created for our nation. When the government creates an "accurate" truth, the government controls what goes in the history books. When the government writes history, the government holds the trump card, forging the beliefs and knowledge of children.

"He who controls the present, controls the past. He who controls the past, controls the future."

## Letter to the Editor

### Lang bites the hand that feeds her

This is a response to the article "Locals lose sleep as UVM expands."

I am currently an undergraduate student here at the University of Vermont and also a resident of the city of Burlington. In the Nov. 14, 2006 edition of *The Vermont Cynic* an article was printed regarding the expansion of the University and the effects such an expansion may have on the locals who also call this great city "home." One of the more vocal participants of this discussion, a Martha Lang, happens to be the owner of the apartment I am currently renting, as well as the owner of five other apartments that she currently rents exclusively to University of Vermont and Champlain College students.

In the Nov. 14 article mentioned above, Lang lashed out at the University of Vermont and its community when she claimed "[her] life is in danger." She explained how she sat awake at night, grasping her crowbar in fear of the students whom she actively and routinely houses in the buildings she owns located directly next to her own.

She fails to mention that the same students congregating on her lawn are her current tenants and their guests. Lang continued by calling for a drastic cut in the University's funding and even went as far as to say the University should pick-up and leave this city. My question to her and any local supporters she may have is: if we as a community have become such a problem, why are you still catering to us and our needs?

On the same day the article under discussion was published, I received notice in the mail that in the coming weeks Lang would be showing our apartments to college students whom are prospective tenants. Why is she providing shelter and accommodations to the exact source of her frustration and fear?

The answer is a simple one that any long-time Burlington resident can happily answer. Like the hundreds of local entrepreneurs who have made a substantial living off the consumers the University attracts to this little city, Lang is out of work and at a loss of income without the presence of the University of Vermont here in Burlington. And while I rest assured that no such move is in this great institution's future, I am baffled at the fact that someone so dependant on the University and its students would have the gall to speak out against us like second class citizens.

My suggestion to you, Lang, is vacate your home, rent it to students just like you do the rest of your properties and move out of this city, or at least further from the University (all properties owned by Lang, including her home, are a stone's throw from central campus). No one has attempted to hurt you directly, and it's apparent you are incapable of controlling your tenants and their after dusk activities. So do the city a favor and leave while making more room for students who collectively make this such a special place to live.

It's possible that in the past 20 years of renting to students, Lang has become financially stable enough to surrender her duties as a landlord and perhaps retire. It's unfortunate that the rest of the local residents who, currently survive off the University and its population, couldn't do the same. So do us all a favor, Martha, take your crowbar and leave.

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"Don Rumsfeld has been a superb leader during a time of change."

- George W. Bush, discussing Rumsfeld's resignation

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# The Livable Wage Debate

Point

## Fogel has failed the University

SAM MARON

CO- COORDINATOR OF THE  
STUDENT LABOR ACTION PROJECT  
(SLAP)

President Fogel has failed the University of Vermont. He has failed the students, the community, and most importantly, he has failed the workers.

When I walked into the final meeting of the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation task force (BNEC) on November 30, 2006, I was optimistic. I was frustrated that it had taken so long, but was happy with the Task Force recommendation and was prepared for some positive signs from Fogel and his administration. Instead, he stonewalled.

In answering a question by professor Ross Thomson, Fogel said that he was taking no further action on livable wages.

The task force was appointed to research and present a recommendation concerning low-wage workers. It did just that and came to the conclusion that all workers on campus should earn at least \$12.28 an hour and that benefits should be maintained. The new contract for the service and maintenance workers establishes a wage floor of \$10.60. This is not a livable wage!

Fogel has denied, discounted, and discredited six months of hard work by the task force, and it is completely unacceptable. It is disgusting that he can walk into a room of faculty, administrators, staff, students and community members and tell them that all of their work was in vain. It is disgusting that he wants to continue telling the lowest-paid workers that they should be happy that they have a job at the great institution of UVM. It is disgusting that Fogel is willing to let workers continue to live in poverty on our campus.

As a student, I want to know that the people making this school run are respected. Right now they are not, and I am angry. A livable wage is a basic human right. If you work a full time job, you deserve at least enough to meet all of your basic needs. Workers can't eat prestige!

President Fogel has failed the University of Vermont, and he should be ashamed of himself. He had an opportunity to bring UVM out on top, and instead he has left us at the bottom.

This wrong must be righted, injustice cannot be allowed to continue at UVM. President Fogel, reverse your shameful decision to deny workers, and implement a real livable wage policy now!

And

Counter-Point

## Task Force falls short of solutions

SHANE CLARK

OPINION EDITOR

It took me four years as a line cook to finally earn the equivalent of the wage floor at UVM (\$10.60) and I didn't get any benefits. Where was the international tribunal on human rights to correct this wrong for my co-workers and me? No one set up a task force for me.

Before we start vilifying President Fogel as greedy and insensitive to the tragedy of the capitalist system, we ought to at least approach community issues from a holistic perspective.

The Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force (BNEC) bases all of its recommendations on what they call "the basic needs principle." The BNEC believes that "basic needs" should "trump market forces," according to its final report, which is just a coded way of recommending that a higher minimum wage should trade off with a less comprehensive health care plan.

Keep in mind that humans do not necessarily need money to fulfill their "basic" survival needs (humans are generally equipped to survive in a state of nature). There are plenty of people in this world that manage to live long lives without having the consumptive life style Americans have come to take for granted.

Money helps provide a comfortable existence, but there are many frivolous allocations that have gone into the calculation of livable wages.

The BNEC suggests that a person "needs," \$68 a month for personal expenses.

I've noticed that many UVM and Sodexo employees smoke cigarettes. Affording a \$6 a day habit is a behavior that, to me, indicates that their wages are at least sufficient for survival - if they can afford to throw their money away on an indulgence that is going to kill them.

The BNEC recommends that: "a smaller wage floor increase could be traded off against a reduction in the employee cost of the health insurance." Given the cost of treating lung and throat cancer, Fogel is probably doing the employees that are smokers a favor by

rejecting the recommendations of the task force.

The BNEC further recommends that a "basic needs" budget would provide \$638 a month for housing based upon projections for a single person (they don't even offer a solution for employees with families to support). I'm a single person and I've managed to be a full-time student and support myself by spending less than half of that on housing.

Livable wage figures are at best arbitrary, and at worst justify the notion that Americans are entitled to a standard of living that much of the rest of the world considers decadent and wasteful.

Since when do "basic needs" include stipends that provide monthly allowances for cell phones, clothing and cigarettes?

Raising the minimum wage a few dollars will do little more than raise inflation rates, and will certainly not correct the inequities of capitalism. The richest 10 percent of the population controls 90 percent of the wealth and there is nothing that any University task force can do to fix that inequity. And like it or not, it's not Fogel's fault.

We cannot blame Fogel for having a federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour in a country that promotes a consumer lifestyle. Workers that are low in the capitalist hierarchy (Marx and Engels called them the proletariat) may not be able to afford a car, mortgage, night at the movies, gourmet meals or the platinum cable package, but these are not inalienable human rights.

Do we really want to believe that the wisdom of a task force can make monetary quantifications that indicate with a dollar sign which lives are "livable"?

If we are talking about human rights, we should really be talking about our right to the freedom of choice, possibly the most coveted human right in any liberal democracy. More often than not, it is the choices that people make that determine their standard of living, be it day to day or 10 years down the road.

When people make the wrong choices they don't necessarily have the right to a pay raise that will fulfill their conception of what is a comfortable life in America.



Illustration by Justine Ferrara



# College Gourmet

## Masala Chai Tea

- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1-inch stick of cinnamon
- 8 cardamom pods
- 8 whole cloves
- 2/3 cup milk
- 6 teaspoons sugar (to taste)
- 3 teaspoons any unsipped loose black tea

- Put 1-1/2 cups water in a saucepan.
- Add the cinnamon, cardamom and cloves and bring to a boil.
- Cover, turn heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes.
- Add the milk and sugar and bring to a boil again.
- Throw in the tea leaves, cover and turn off the heat.
- After 2 minutes, strain the tea and serve immediately.

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### The Odd Couple

BY SAKI ZIWICH



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# CYNICAL INQUISITION

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what's  
UVM thinking?

## So, what's the deal with all the unseason- able weather?



Allie Quade  
2009

"It's very bad because it should never be in the 60s in the northeast in December. But I like it."



Charlie Vanderlip  
2007

"I wish that it would snow. I'm waiting for some snow."



Heather Mitchell  
2007

"I'm a runner, so I don't mind if there's snow or not. As long as there's sun, I don't care if it's cold or not."



Jeff Zollshan  
2008

"I like warm weather, but we're in Vermont. It's kind of crazy. I would rather it were snowing."

# short fiction:

## SNOW GODS

by Colin Lucas

If the ground is still not covered by snow in early December, we Vermont skiers reach a breaking point called desperation. The trees, barren and leafless, do nothing to distort our view of the depressingly snowless mountains that tantalize us more with each passing day. Reports of massive snowfalls in the western states drive us to near insanity as we watch our neighbors mow their wilting green lawns. Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump loom dark to the east, white only in our dreams and year-old memories.

We've already done countless laps around the house in our ski boots, clunking and scraping, heel-to-toe, heel-to-toe. "Get off the hardwood floor with those things!" our mothers yell, but we really can't help ourselves. We've already done a thousand 360's on the basement floor, fully strapped into our bindings.

"Stop jumping around on my nice carpet!" our mothers yell. We've put on and taken off our ski goggles and long underwear, sharpened our edges and waxed our bases, but to no avail. "Go outside already!" our mothers yell.

"Make it snow, Mom," we respond, "then we will."

But the gray skies remain flakeless, and skiing in a house is only entertaining for a short while. It is time to take action; we'll have to make it snow ourselves.

Gather the wood and pile it high. Strap up your boots and bring out the gas. If the snow gods don't hear our prayers, at least they'll see our fire. Pile on the wood, douse it with gas and light it up. Wow! Should have worn my goggles for that one. Who needs eyebrows though? Right?

To spite the gods, no one wears a shirt, barebacked as if to say, "your seasons are weak; force us to dress warmly." We don't know whom we are defying, but there is definitely someone, something in the sky that will make it snow if we appeal to it hard enough. We think.

Stray branches, with dried needles abounding, are thrown into the flames then raised into the air, wound around in warm rebellion. Sparks fly from the flaming boughs, lighting our faces and giving us the sensation that we are taking part in an ancient tribal ritual. We feel more connected to the ground that

we stand on, but still helpless to the starry sky above.

Aztecs sacrificed prisoners of war, ripping out their hearts to appease their divine rulers. For lack of human captives, though, we incinerate a sacrificial 1980s Rossignol straight ski. Someone had pulled the dusty ski, long since forgotten by their father, from the bowels of their garage. We watch as its edges turn red hot and its trademark rooster melts into the coals. Perhaps the offering will ensure that we are skiing powder by winter break. Perhaps.

Some hours of primitive chanting later, the fire dies out. Where are our shirts? Our eyes dart around the grass. Flashlights are drawn and the clothing is recovered.

"Hey," someone notices, "it's actually a little chilly out. Man, I'm going inside to bed, it's cold."

Sun rays crack through the windows to wake us. We look out to see a thin layer of frost atop an otherwise green lawn. Maybe the snow gods listened. But we can't ski on frost, and we asked for snow.

Gather the wood and pile it high.

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## Not News

By Elias Altman



### Suitemate's sex noises lead to war in L/L "Model U.N." suite

The sophomore co-ed suite "Model United Nations" in L/L has recently become a veritable war zone, even though all parties involved refused to call it a "civil war."

John Gladstone and Rebecca Salisbury declared war on their suitemate John Livingston, on Friday, Nov. 17. This occurred after a failed proposal for "a peaceful resolution" was made by Susan Lowry, the pot-smoking diplomat.

Gladstone and Salisbury refused her lengthy plea and announced they would "go it alone." The other two suitemates were adamant in their stance of neutrality and cited Switzerland circa World War II as their model. They added that they would, however, "store, use and sell for profit" any goods that were "liberated" by Gladstone and Salisbury during the conflict.

Early Saturday morning, *The Cynic* obtained a copy of the declaration of war via e-mail from one member of the Gladstone-Salisbury alliance. The sender of the document leaked it only on the condition of anonymity and will be referred to by the code-

name tgladstone@uvm.edu.

The two page declaration began with a spirited defense of their right to aggressive action and included a history of the conflict as well as a list of Livingston's offenses. The document maintained that initial breaches of intersuite law had been met with "evenhandedness and calm reprimands," but concluded that "it was time to exact justice."

The list of initial offenses included "the repeated lack of capping the toothpaste tube after use (note: Livingston never buys toothpaste)," the tendency to "take extra-long showers at high-traffic times" and the playing of "loud jam band music early in the morning."

The conflict escalated when Livingston began "associating" with a known enemy of Salisbury, Christie Sanders. Sanders and Livingston began spending nights together in the suite and engaged in "lewd and loud" sexual acts.

The document then asserted that Livingston had actually brought the current crisis upon himself when he executed his "own callous act of chemical warfare." This occurred when Salisbury found a used condom floating in the toilet. "This is tantamount to nuclear detonation," the document claimed, "or at least the dissemination of smallpox infested blankets."

Gladstone and Salisbury stated they would "withhold all laughter at Livingston's jokes even if they were funny" and announced that "accidental" toilet flushing would commence every time Livingston enters into the shower.

Other methods of attack remained unnamed, but Salisbury was recently sighted carrying a can of sardines, a mouse trap and a roll of aluminum foil.

## ECO-MIND

### The trouble with tire-derived fuel

By ERIN ZEISS



Erin Zeiss

The state of the environment is troubling nowadays with various forms of pollution on the rise and not much being done about it.

What is extremely frustrating is the fact that people are still toying around with the idea of cutting back on pollutant emissions, but many still aren't taking the steps to do so.

Take, for example, the tire burning test that took place at International Paper Co. this month. IP started the test of tire-derived fuel production in order to see how much pollution it produces, and the results they have been gathering show the tires emit a great deal.

On Nov. 16, IP planned a three-hour test during which one ton of tire chips would be burned each hour. During the first hour, the boiler released 0.109 pounds of particulates. The limit for particulates calls for no more than a tenth of a pound of particulate matter to be produced per million British thermal units of heat energy it creates. The test was then carried on for another hour, which emitted another 0.093 pounds, before it was halted.

Producing so much particulate matter came as a surprise to both International Paper and Jeffrey Wennberg, the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. IP even stopped the tests for the weekend until Monday.

Certainly, the particulate matter levels reached must have surprised the New York Department of Environmental Conservation as well. The NYSDEC gave IP a permit allowing them to burn three tons of tires an hour! It's a little mind-boggling that they would have permitted that amount; especially considering IP scientists didn't even expect to be able to reach that level of production. IP has even claimed that they plan on installing anti-pollution equipment in the future. Unfortunately, they didn't before these tests, which continued to occur until Nov. 27.

Countless Vermonters, including Governor James Douglas and Jeffrey Wennberg, have demanded pollution control devices of IP for the past several years. The company has responded to these demands by saying that it wants to measure the amount of pollution released, but that seems rather unnecessary. To voice further opposition to these burnings, numerous Vermonters gathered

on Nov. 18. Among the many present was Ashley Hall, the president of the Vermont Student Environmental Program. All expressed concerns over the air pollution heading Vermont's way and the need for improved filters.

If the International Paper Co. is going to burn tires, they should at least make an effort to control the particulate matter they produce. Simply installing filters would have allowed them to burn the same amount of tires or even more - and reduce emissions. More opposition must be voiced to reach New York and International Paper Co.

Anyone who is concerned can help by writing letters to federal and N.Y. environmental officials because they truly need to hear everyone's opposition.

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# UVM Research

## Ryan Foster and Jaron Borg evaluate the Borehole Shear Test

By JAMES STEVENS

Ryan Foster and Jaron Borg, seniors at UVM, are working with Dr. Mandar Dewoolkar, an assistant



James Stevens

professor within the department of civil and environmental engineering, on evaluating if a new analytical method is an effective measurement of stream and river bank stability. Their research is supported by funding provided by a Richard Barrett Scholarship and a U.S. Geological Survey grant.

Introducing their research, Foster explains that "when spring runoff or heavy rain occurs, the

soil in stream banks becomes saturated and heavy, and a reduction in the shear strength of the soil follows." This increased weight and decrease in soil strength results in the collapse of stream banks.

When the banks of Lake Champlain's tributaries collapse, high levels of sediments and phosphorus reach its shores. Large algae blooms develop and the lake's ecosystem, as well as fishing and recreation, are disturbed.

"No one wants to look at a green lake, and no one wants to swim in one either," Foster continues, stressing that "fish are the species most affected by the algae growth because it takes away food sources and clouds up the lake."

Foster spent this past summer measuring the shear strength of the banks of the Winooski River at eight locations near the Ethan Allen Homestead. "Three

inch diameter boreholes were drilled and the Borehole Shear Test (BST) was conducted in the boreholes to measure the shear strength of the soil." Concurrently, undisturbed soil samples were also collected "in order to conduct the direct shear and tri-axial tests in our laboratory."

Borg has been working in Dr. Dewoolkar's laboratory to test the shear strength of the undisturbed soil samples Foster collected using the direct shear and tri-axial tests. When he finishes, the laboratory data "will be compared to Foster's field data and the effectiveness of the BST can be evaluated" Borg said.

The direct shear and tri-axial tests are expensive laboratory methods, whereas the BST is both cost-effective and convenient. As such, Foster and Borg's ultimate goal is to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Borehole Shear Test for measuring stream and riverbank stability.

# The Rocks IN YOUR SHOES

By KATHARINE HOPKINS

When it comes to holidays, Thanksgiving really gets the shaft. It's not even as enthusiastically anticipated as such minor holidays as St. Valentine's Day or Mother's Day. Instead, it is forgotten all year long, until we remember that we get time off from school and work.



Katharine Hopkins

Thanksgiving was inspired by the pilgrims, who took a wrong turn (See Columbus Day) and found themselves freezing and hungry in a cold, wet land. Many pilgrims starved that winter, and no one had iPods then. When the next November rolled around, then, they were properly thankful for the survival of the fittest, and those friendly, unsuspecting natives who showed them how to cultivate.

Nowadays we all get annoyed at the person who asks us what we are thankful for, and after much grumbling and hesitating we all agree "family, turkey and my iPod". After much soul searching, someone might think of "freedom" and "Mom's candied yams," but most of us can't relate to that original giving of thanks (before you object, I said "most", which in America means 48 percent and 5 supreme court justices).

Giving thanks doesn't seem to do it for us anymore. There's no hype about Thanksgiving, no songs or TV coverage. In the face of catalogues full of Christmas carols, Turkey Day weakly provides short ditties written by kindergarten teachers warning turkeys of their fates.

The top song used to be "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians," but in our politically correct era, "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Wampanoag Native Americans" doesn't seem to fit

the right meter. The only media-palooza is the Macy's Parade — which actually celebrates balloons — and Black Friday commercials — which is the economy's way of looking at the stock market crash and saying "Well, let's not do that again".

It's just not a stylish holiday — the colors are unflattering (you can't do much with brown and orange) and no one wants turkey flavored candy, or Marshmallow Peeps shaped like Myles Standish. So in those last few months of every year, Thanksgiving is overshadowed by its wintry relatives: Hannukah, Christmas, New Year's and the like.

The holidays are a two month stretch during the winter where we celebrate various miracles that occurred in December. We used to call this "Christmas time" because that was the miracle that gives us the most presents — but too many parents complained when their children made construction paper stockings at school instead of menorahs or yule logs.

The holidays come earlier and earlier every year: yuletide candies and decorations are displayed in early November, and the carols have already begun to hum. They are the fat cats of all the holidays... because they've changed with us.

Thanksgiving is still celebrated in the same way and for the same reasons as it was 400 years ago. Come on! Take an example from Christmas: it used to be about baby Jesus, three wise men and swaddling clothes. Boring! Now it's about lights, presents and television specials. St. Patrick's Day, which used to celebrate Irish Culture (snooze), now commemorates the patron saint of beer. And we like that.

So get hip to commercialization, Thanksgiving! Put out pilgrim hats to be filled with candy, or a replica of the Mayflower to put presents under. And pick a day — this fourth Thursday business is poppycock.

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# A MILE IN WOR

Story by CASEY PALMER

*The story of a typical UVM employee exemplifies the plight of the University's backbone*

The character Joan is not a UVM employee, but the events of her story are true accounts of the lives of actual UVM employees.

5:45 a.m.

Alarm blaring, Joan groans and rolls over. Slamming her hand down on the alarm clock she lies in bed for a minute, thinking seriously about calling into work sick. She has never felt so tired in her life. She heads quickly for the shower where, once beneath the stream of hot water, she thinks about what to pack her daughter for lunch and how she's going to pay the heating bill.

6:13 a.m.

Joan gets dressed in her work attire: a pair of old jeans, a short-sleeve shirt, old sneakers coming apart at the sole, and a fleece jacket. She wishes she had a winter coat, but she can't remember the last time she had enough extra spending money to buy herself something new. Struggling to get her daughter awake and dressed, Joan eventually makes her way to the small kitchen. The fridge is all but empty, but she scrounges a turkey sandwich, an apple and juice box for her daughter's lunch.

6:20 a.m.

A graying woman walks into the kitchen and kisses Joan on the cheek. She smiles and says good morning as she starts a pot of coffee. Though Joan is comfortable living in her mother's home, she feels that at 31-years-old, she has failed by not being able to make it on her own. Joan loads her daughter into the backseat of her 1990 Honda Civic. Last year, she had to choose between snow tires and new pants for her daughter. Joan chose the pants.

6:59 a.m.

Joan drops her daughter off at daycare (run by her sister) and arrives, nearly on the dot, at Harris-Millis for the daily housekeepers meeting. She will be doing housekeeping in Harris today, followed by cleaning the bathrooms and the floor near the front desk.

7:11 a.m.

A few housekeepers, Joan included, begin work on the fourth floor in Harris. She takes charge of vacuuming all through the hallways and refilling the paper products in the bathroom. This is harder work than descriptions let on; she has bruises on her hands from stuffing rolls of toilet paper into dispensers and her upper arms are sore by lunch.

11:37 a.m.

Joan arrives downstairs for lunch, remembering that in the morning she hadn't taken the time to pack her own. She doesn't have the money to buy food, so she decides to tough it out. Fortunately, another housekeeper sacrifices her orange for the lunchless Joan. One of her coworkers has a copy of *The Vermont Cynic* and is reading aloud the article about the "bacterial" virus affecting some students in Harris. In the article, one student claims poorly cleaned bathrooms causes the infection. Joan attempts to thwart it but a single tear manages to roll down her cheek. She doesn't understand how anything like this could happen; she cleans well, and works hard, but somehow immediately feels she's to blame.

12:34 p.m.

It's time to go back to work. Joan finishes up the housekeeping in Harris with the other housekeepers and then makes her way to the lobby to clean the bathrooms and mop the floors. A female student slips on the wet floor and regardless of the caution sign to her immediate left, she still sends a glare in Joan's direction. Still feeling uneasy over the discussion during her



Without a livable wage, the lives of many UVM workers are financially restrained (Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

lunch break, Joan feels as if, in some way, she is actually responsible and rushes to offer the student a hand.

3:33 p.m.

Joan zips up her fleece, says goodbye to the remaining custodians and housekeepers, and heads back out to her car. Her stomach is growling as she drives home and stresses over what she will conjure for dinner.

4:10 p.m.

Sitting in a loan specialist's office at Banknorth, the Christmas decorations are a sickening reminder of an expensive holiday season ahead of her. The banker returns from the other room and Joan automatically asks to take out another personal loan. When asked the purpose, Joan replies that it is going to be used to renovate her kitchen. In reality, the loan will be

used to buy Christmas presents Joan could not otherwise afford.

5:00 p.m.

Joan picks up her daughter from daycare and is on her way home when she decides to stop at the grocery store to buy the ingredients needed for a successful "taco night." She places her daughter in the front of the cart and speeds down an aisle, awestruck by her daughter's excited squeals. She mentally thanks her second employer for giving her the week off to get some rest; without that time, this moment with her daughter wouldn't have been possible. Working nights makes it so Joan can really only spend time with her daughter on the weekends; by then, all she wants to do is sleep anyway.

5:44 p.m.

Joan and her daughter arrive back



# N DOWN SHOES

Image by JUSTINE FERRARA



home and, as they walk through the front door, the smell of a baked ham warms their nostrils. Joan's mother has prepared dinner for the family. Joan is thrilled by the free meal and thinks "taco night" will be postponed until tomorrow night. The ringing phone interrupts dinner. Joan's second employer, Brooks Pharmacy, needs her to come to work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Another employee has caught a "terrible cold." Needing the extra money, Joan agrees.

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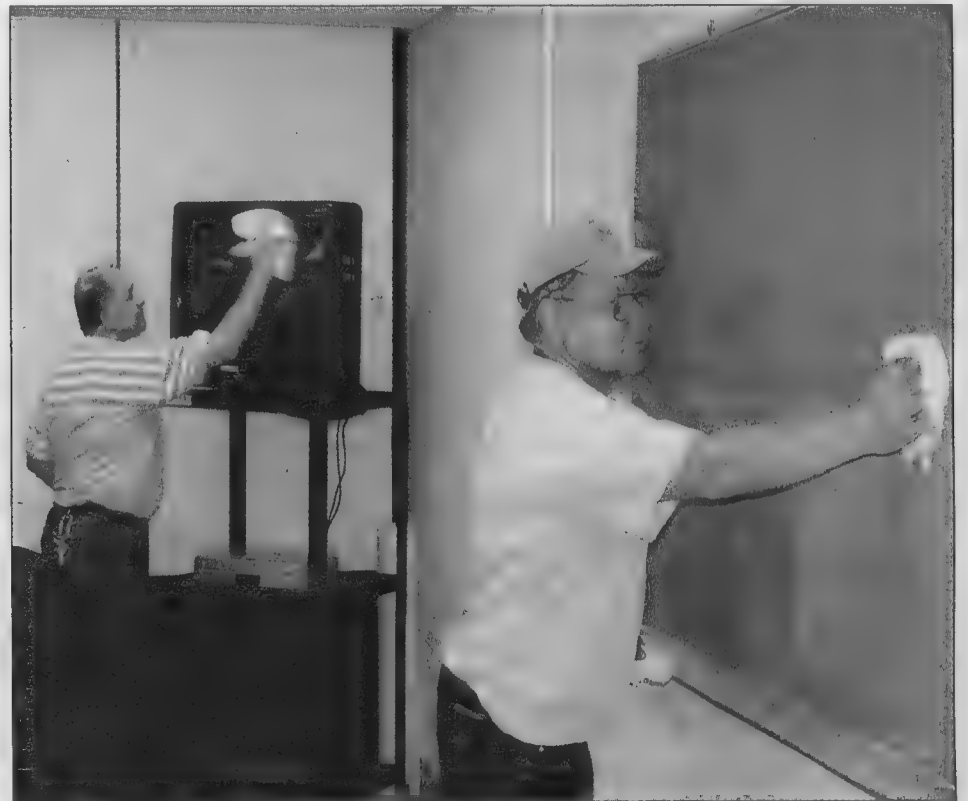
After an hour of TV and reading, Joan picks up her sleepy daughter to carry her to bed. She tucks her in and kisses her goodnight. In order for Joan to sleep in 10 extra minutes the next morning, she lays out her housekeeping clothes and irons her Brooks uniform for tomorrow night's shift. She lies in bed, fiscal worries dancing in her head for an hour before she

finally drifts off to sleep.

The Vermont Livable Wage Campaign defines a livable wage as the pay rate needed to supply basic needs such as food, housing, childcare, health care, clothing and transportation.

It is important to understand that a livable wage is not the same thing as a minimum wage; in Vermont, the minimum wage is currently \$7.25/hr, or \$14,500/yr. Based on the findings of the State of Vermont Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) 2005 Basic Needs Budget, the 2006 livable wage for a single person should be \$12.28/hr, or about \$25,500/yr.

The Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Taskforce, assigned by President Fogel to research the livable wage issue, discovered that as of May 2006, there were over 250 workers directly employed by UVM not earning a sufficient wage, as defined by JFO. Their are



Ron Carpenter (left) and Ron Sourdiff, two employees affected by the livable wage campaign (Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

164 employees making over \$100,000 annually.

These 250 employees do not consist of contracted workers, which include all Sodexo employees (those who work in the dining services), construction crews, and a certain amount of grounds keepers. Direct UVM employees not receiving a livable wage consist mostly of custodial, clerical and maintenance staff.

UVM could potentially phase out underpaid contracted workers by only outsourcing with companies that adhere to paying their employees livable wages. According to the Livable Wage Campaign, "there are roughly 200 Sodexo workers at UVM who on average earn \$8.00/hr."

The Student Labor Action Project (SLAP), a national organization which opened a chapter on campus last year, has stated its three main goals: to attain a livable wage for all University employees; to give UVM workers the freedom to organize (Sodexo employees, for instance, are not permitted to discuss their wages with fellow employees); and to initiate responsible contracted policies – a guarantee that contracted corporations will treat their employees fairly.

Across campus, SLAP has become the voice for the workers who otherwise have no voice of their own. "We're not working for the workers; we're working with the workers. Students and workers uniting for justice," said Maxwell Tracy, a SLAP Co-coordinator.

Tom Stout, a maintenance technician for Residential Life, commented on the extent to which underpaid employees have to work to survive and the extent to which they dedicate their time and efforts to the work that they are committed to.

"What is livable and what is living? There's a huge difference. Yeah, livable, I can sit in my house all day and my bills are paid. What about going on a vacation? There are people working here who will never see Disney. Say nothing of Disney, there are people working here who will never go to the Great Escape in Lake George," he said.

Even with a definable livable wage, Stout and Tracy alike still believe the con-

cept of livable wage isn't enough to satisfy human needs; it is everything short of luxury, everything short of the lifestyles of the 164 employees at UVM (within itself a multi-million dollar budget) who make over \$100,000 each year, according to the Livable Wage Campaign.

In 2005, the Livable Wage Campaign originally came up with a figure of approximately \$2.5 million per year to raise all workers to a livable wage. The campaign stated that UVM now draws all of its revenue directly from tuition and fees, and therefore "an increase in budget wouldn't be directly placed on the back of students."

That number has since changed. BNEC's report claims a much smaller figure: between \$700,000 and \$1 million.

Despite the release of BNEC's preliminary report, which President Fogel received as soon as it was completed in September, there has been no response from the president indicating he's making any moves toward change.

"You know, it's pretty ridiculous if you think about it because [Fogel] created it so hastily and made such a big deal out of it, this kind of 'magic bullet' solution to all the problems – and there's been no reaction from him," Tracy said.

UVM is stuck (whether fairly or not), with a reputation of being a socially responsible and liberal place to learn and work. However, the livable wage issue has forced the UVM community to question whether the University truly has the integrity to take on challenges and the compassion for humanity it boasts.

"We can create this beautiful image of ourselves," Tracy said. "But on the ground, all the people behind the scenes who make it work, if we're not paying them a minimum wage and giving them what they need, are we really a socially just place?"

*The views expressed in "In The Trenches" do not necessarily reflect those of The Vermont Cynic*



## Living Sideways

with Claire Cohen

The holidays can bring about a lot of stress. For the average college student, Thanksgiving break is code for the calm before the storm a.k.a. enjoy your break now, because when you get back you'll be living in hell for the remainder of the semester.

This year, the stress started early when I learned that my boyfriend, Adam, would be driving me home ... and meeting my family.

Being that my dad is headed for his third marriage, I have a number of all sorts of siblings all across the country. This was going to be the first time I was ever bringing a guy home to meet the family; and he was literally going to meet my entire immediate family, including a few siblings that even some of my life-long friends have never met.

Needless to say, I was extremely nervous. Adam, on the other hand, besides a few not-so-funny, "I'm not going to meet your family" jokes was perfectly calm.

I had already prepped my brother and mom. Out of all the people Adam would be meeting, I cared most about what my brother thought. Simple equation: little sister + boyfriend (who is the same age as older brother) = results may vary.

Adam is like a little kid who likes expensive and dangerous toys. He's always happy and energetic, is fascinated by trucks, races motorcycles and goes hunting. The perfect guy for me, but he might make my mom a little anxious.

So all I had told her about him was that he takes me out to dinner a lot and is a molecular genetics major.

Why is it that moms always tend to like classy guys who also happen to be geniuses?

"The Meeting," as I have come to call it, went smoothly. It was extremely overwhelming — having to interact with a large number of people, being introduced to your girlfriend's eccentric family for the first time, and trying to politely swallow overcooked turkey all at once. But he handled it like a lion tamer on his first day of work: a little timid but generally unafraid of the potentially harmful, oversized housecats.

Looking back on it now, I don't know why I was so stressed. Maybe because my family is nuts and meeting them is like going to a Yankees vs. Red Sox game: it's mass chaos and you have to be careful about where you sit if you want to avoid any kind of altercation.

Next time, I get to meet his family. From what I hear, they're more like a Cubs vs. White Sox game.



Claire Cohen

# HPV: Are you at risk?

**Addressing an STD that is potentially cancer-causing among women and widespread on college campuses**

By CHRISTINA TODD  
Staff Writer

Research estimates that about 75 percent of college-aged people are likely to have HPV, said Patricia Livingston, a primary care clinician at the UVM Center for Health and Wellbeing.

Genital HPV, which stands for human papillomavirus, is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S., affecting about half of all sexually active women and men at some point in their lives.

Sexually transmitted HPV exists in various strains that can be classified as either high or low-risk based on the possibility of a particular type ultimately leading to cervical cancer.

HPV can be contracted through direct skin contact even with the use of a condom, according to the American Social Health Association.

But because infection does not necessarily produce any noticeable symptoms and will eventually go away on its own, this

virus is often undiagnosed, and has been proliferating on college campuses nationwide.

"I had no idea what HPV was when I was told that I had it," an anonymous UVM student said. "I was embarrassed and didn't want to tell anyone. Then I started finding out that a lot of people I know have had experiences with it; it's more common than you would think."

Though there is no treatment for HPV, the FDA recently licensed a vaccine, known as Gardasil, for females between 9 and 26 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

New Hampshire will be the first state to provide the vaccine free for girls ages 11 to 18 beginning in January, according to the Associated Press.

"We would love to see Vermont take the same kind of initiative," said Jane Luria, a nurse practitioner at the UVM Women's Health Center.

The Women's Health Center currently offers the vaccine for \$154 per shot, which needs to be given three times within six months and is covered by many insurance agencies, Luria said.

The vaccine prevents the four types of HPV that account for 70 percent of cervical cancer and 90 percent of warts, and protection



About three out of four college students are likely to have HPV (Lindsay Tully / Vermont Cynic)

lasts at least 5 years, according to the CDC.

10 percent of women infected with HPV develop a persistent infection, which is associated with almost all cervical cancers, which the American Cancer Society estimated will affect over 9,700 women in 2006. It can also cause cancer in males, according to the CDC.

So far, about 55 students have received the vaccine from the Women's Health Center, Luria said.

"Many students are still on

their parent's insurance, so there is an issue of confidentiality," Luria said. "There's a paper trail, and it's a delicate issue."

Mandy Lewis, a junior at UVM, said that she didn't know about HPV until she recently saw a commercial recommending the vaccine.

"What about the guys? It's the girls that have to buy the vaccine," Lewis said.

The vaccine is available for males, but the efficacy of it is still being tested, according to the CDC.

## Microsoft takes a bite out of Apple

**The newly unveiled Zune aims to compete with iPod**

By CHRISTINA TODD  
Staff Writer

As a devoted iPod user, it seems impossible to consider a new MP3 player, especially when it was conceived by none other than Microsoft, the arch-nemesis of Apple.

Unfortunately for Microsoft, the Zune will forever be cursed by constant comparison. It boasts many similar features to Apple's wildly successful iPod lineup, but it just came out five years too late.

The basic model features a 30 GB hard drive, photo and video capability, WiFi connectivity, a radio tuner and about 14 hours of battery life. It does not have a click wheel, but utilizes a four-button system that allows both up-and-down and right-to-left scrolling.

The Zune has gotten mixed reviews since its Nov. 14 release. Many reviewers are grappling

over what makes the Zune favorable to the iPod when many of its additional features appear to be somewhat flawed.

Contrary to popular opinion, however, the Zune is a good product. For those who are looking for



(Photo courtesy of <http://www.zune.net>)

an alternative to the iPod that is comparable in coolness, the Zune provides a classy solution.

The player is offered in three colors: black, white and brown. Microsoft made a good move by constructing the outer casing of

the Zune out of a virtually scratch-resistant material. Unlike the fingerprint-ridden silver backing of the iPod, the Zune will retain its new appearance longer.

The rich three-inch color display is stunning and Microsoft renews the significance of album art with the Zune. Artwork that was once found on the jackets of CD cases now occupies the majority of the Zune's screen while listening to a band.

When music goes totally digital, it will be difficult to maintain the presence of album art, and the Zune provides a viable option for preserving this essential aspect of the musical world.

The Zune's most substantial feature is its WiFi connectivity. Zuners may share songs and photos by "beaming" them to one another. However, this can only happen when the two Zune owners are within wireless range of each other.

Shared photos are available for as long as the user keeps them. When songs are transferred, they are only available for three days or three plays, whichever runs out first.

Along with this effort against


music pirating, Zune's online music store provides users with a way to purchase songs legally.

But the Zune Marketplace, Microsoft's equivalent to iTunes, is probably the biggest mistake that comes with the release of the Zune. Rather than using Windows Media Player, Microsoft replaced it with Marketplace and a foolish point system.

The Marketplace sells songs for points rather than dollars, adding a mathematical process into the equation and successfully confusing the already bewildered American population. Each song goes for 79 points, the equivalent of about a dollar.

The good news is that the Zune is brand new, and it won't be long before hackers get their hands on it and find ways to bend the rules.

If the Zune is successful at all, it will be beneficial to Zuners and Podders alike. Competition means improved products from both Microsoft and Apple. iPod devotees could see quality products at lower prices, while Zune enthusiasts will have an innovative player with readily hackable new features.



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## The Fashion Police

It seemed to start out like any other Thursday. My eyes fluttered open to the sound of my roommate heading out for her 8:00



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a.m. class. She opened the door to leave, but not before I caught a blurry-eyed glimpse of her outfit.

Immediately I assumed I was still asleep. Hopefully this was a dream; but I couldn't take the chance that this fashion nightmare was really about to explode onto Athletic Campus. I fell from my bunk in shock and hurled myself forward just in time to blitzkrieg her to the floor.

"Tina, you forgot to put on pants!" Sure enough, there was definitely some coverage lacking from my roommate's backside. "Hey, get off me!" she replied. "I don't need to wear jeans. I'm wearing Spandex."

No. In fact, you do need to wear jeans. Or a skirt, or shorts or anything that is not so thin and revealing it would be considered a pair of tights were you able to see through them. Just because 80s leggings have somehow adapted to life in 2006 does not make them a good fashion choice.

You have to step back for a second and consider the purpose of pants: attractiveness, warmth, and surprisingly, to promote a certain degree of modesty. Most people in Vermont need a little more than one millimeter of insulation to protect them from winter's arctic chill, and particularly parts of the human body don't need to be put on display for all to see – no matter how cute you think your tush is.

Also, wearing long shirts to cover your butt is like putting on a t-shirt with no bra. It's just not a good idea to go halfway. When I see girls doing this, I think that somewhere deep down inside them they must know it's ridiculous to wear pants so tight people can see the thirty-four cents in your pocket; but they must also be possessed by the trend so much that they're unwilling to let reason get in the way of fashion.

Not being able to make up their minds between sanity and spandex, I'm assuming they ultimately decided to double their shirt as an extremely short dress. This look brings to mind the go-go dancers of the 60s, and let's just say there's a reason that style became extinct.

The only people allowed to wear pants that don't fully conceal the butt include interpretive dancers, 80s gymnasts and possibly people dressed as giant hot dogs promoting the local Meat Shack.

Please understand, these professionals have artistic licenses that are rare to come by. I know all us girls out there love our Fergalicious lady lumps, but it's Vermont, and it's December. Let's give the boys a break.

# A Novel Theory

UVM Entrepreneurs combine consciousness with cutting-edge style

By ADRIAN THOMPSON  
Cynic Correspondent

At this point in the semester, the typical UVM student is bogged down with classes, term papers and preparations for finals. These academic commitments are more than enough to keep most of us busy. This is not the case though, for a small group of entrepreneurial UVM students.

In April of 2006, two creatively inclined UVM students, Guy Derry (class of 2008) and Chris Lisle (2009), decided to start silk-screening clothing. Derry took a silk-screening class in high school,

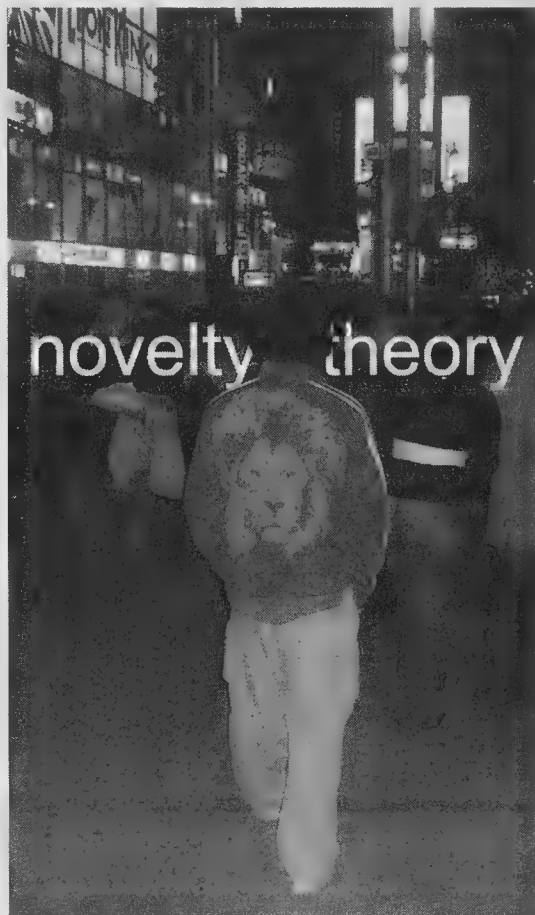


Photo courtesy of Guy Derry

but this time he had a larger vision attached to the craft. The motivation for the effort was rooted in a desire to combine their creativity with a marketable product. It was another two months of brainstorming, soul searching, testing and product research before a company actually emerged.

"From the outset, we had a very clear goal: to create a stylish product while maintaining high standards of ecological and social responsibility," Derry explained. The young company, later coined Novelty Theory, specializes in "conscious apparel" which fellow Novelty Theory partners and UVM students Ben Stewart (2008), Adam Demartino (2007), Mikey Bisgono (2008) and Tim Hosmer (2008) describe as "wearable art."

True to their vow of social and ecological responsibility, all pieces in the Novelty Theory line

are produced sweatshop-free and are hand-dyed 100% organic cotton and hemp.

The Novelty Theory web site (<http://www.NoveltyTheory.com>) is artistic and innovative in its comprehensive display of the company's first edition product line. For Derry, "A creative online presentation of our products is just as important as the products themselves." This drive to constantly innovate and reinvent is at the core of Novelty Theory's creative philosophy, and is also at the root of the company's namesake.

According to the group, Novelty Theory refers to Terrence McKenna's theory regarding the prediction of the fluctuations of novelty, or "newness," in the universe. The company's name has proven appropriate, as circumstance and a trial-and-error approach have led to innovative designs as well as marketing strategies. Despite changes that inevitably accompany growth, Novelty Theory has stayed true to its initial vision of fine style in harmony with social and ecological responsibility.

The clothes themselves have an undeniable Burlington feel yet still speak to a larger metropolitan audience, as the local designers combine urban style with a "green" sensibility. One recent shirt design is a nod to the company's Burlington roots, as it incorporates a bold Burlington skyline faded into floral curvature reminiscent of 60s psychedelic pop art.

Another highlight of the collection is a girls' tank top with an intricate line pattern in which faces and words and other subtle imagery are cleverly embedded.

Novelty Theory truly is a group effort, but it also has leadership. Derry is currently acting as ringleader of this collective of young entrepreneurs but stresses the importance of all the partners involved, stating, "If it weren't for everyone that has contributed to the Novelty Theory effort, this project would be nothing right now."

The group maintains a high level of pride in their products' style, while actively sporting the apparel. As Mike Bisogno put it, "I do work when they make me, but I am really just here to make the product look cool. Check me out."

Novelty Theory members pride themselves on the company's attention to detail, but they should also be applauded for maintaining a flexible and fun atmosphere around their work. They liken their motivation to reggae legend Jacob Miller's proclamation of, "forward – never, never backward!"

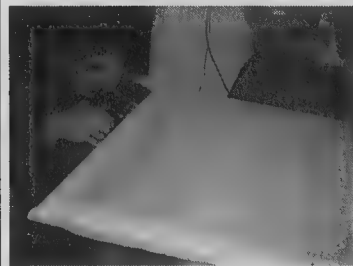
This group of UVM students doesn't deny that it can sometimes be overwhelming trying to juggle business responsibilities with academic responsibilities, but it seems that their desire for experience and ambitious drive to do something different keeps them moving forward and thinking about what is to come.

"We would like this to be our employment if we can make it work. The reason we formed a company instead of just some off-hand thing for friends is because we would like to potentially earn a living off of this eventually," Derry says.



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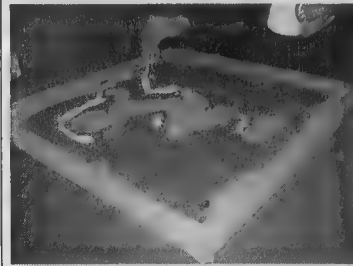
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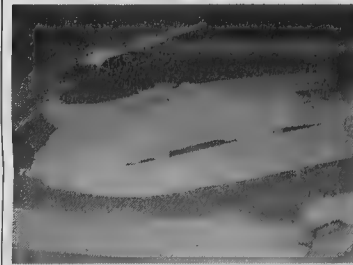
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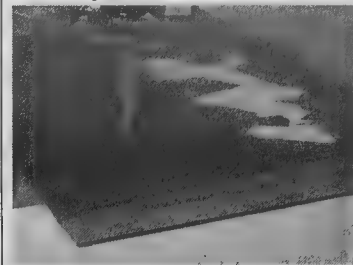
Ben Stewart handpaints a negative



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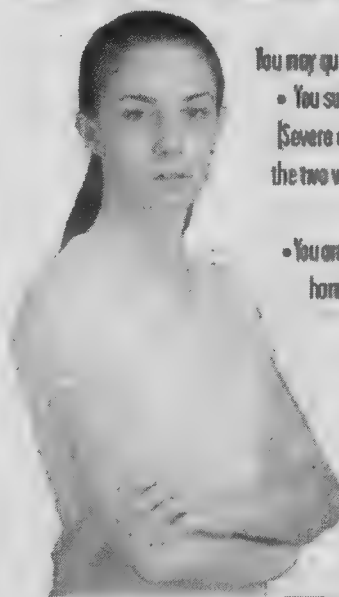
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## Leggings: Bootylicious or just hideous?



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# Global warming's spokeswoman heats up the debate

An interview with an icon of the movement

STAFF REPORT

Environmental activist and producer Laurie David spoke at UVM's Ira Allen Chapel Wednesday, in an attempt to light a fire under those who have the power to cure the global warming trend — everybody, according to her.

David produced "An Inconvenient Truth," and recently published "Stop Global Warming: The Solution is You!" She is also the wife of actor, comedian and producer Larry David, who was just one of the topics of conversation.

**Vermont Cynic: UVM and Burlington are known for fostering activism. What advice do you have for activists — hardcore and otherwise?**

**Laurie David:** I think one of the things that this campus has to start doing is getting better at promoting itself. It seems like there's a lot happening on this campus in terms of [global warming], but I don't think a lot of people know about it. So I think that part of the activism is getting heard, getting the word out. It's everybody's responsibility to influence everybody else.

**VC: How do we influence every one else?**

**LD:** The way that I'm doing it is by trying to explain to people how personal this issue is. Global warming is not about what's happening to the glaciers. It's about what's happening to Vermont. Your state is in serious peril. So this is personal now. This is about you, this is about maple syrup, this is about the ski industry, this is about all the things that Vermont depends on — it's part of the identity of the state. The thing that has to happen is for people to start connecting the dots between what we're doing and what's happening.

**VC: Sometimes you have to play to peoples' interests, like**



Starting with students, Laurie David personalizes the global warming issue to provoke universal action (Louise Contino/Vermont Cynic)

**the monetary costs.**

**LD:** People have to understand the economics — what this is going to cost at some point. The cost of doing nothing is so much more expensive than the cost of doing something. But I, to some extent, resent the fact that everything has to be explained in dollars and cents. Isn't it enough to think that we're losing species? Is it not enough incentive that we just had the warmest year in the history of record keeping?

**VC: Why, with such a universal topic, is it taking so long to see tangible results?**

**LD:** I think people have to understand how it affects all of us. That's one of the reasons why I started this

virtual march, which is on the Internet (<http://www.stopglobalwarming.org>). This is a movement. So how do you get people engaged? I'm doing whatever I can think of. I made two films last year, I wrote this book, I'm speaking at colleges. Everybody has to use what they have available to get the word out.

**VC: Do you see the new Congress doing anything in the way of progressive environmental legislation?**

**LD:** Yes! I think they already have. The first thing Nancy Pelosi said to George Bush when she met with him was that energy security is a top priority. The first thing Barbra Boxer said is that

she's going to hold global warming hearings. I'm hopeful. And by the way, I honestly believe this: the change that we're talking about has to happen while these guys are in office. That's two more years. I'm not waiting till '08 for a new presidency. We have to face this now.

Also, the weather is going to cooperate. We're going to go through this freakishly warm winter and extreme weather trends are going to happen that will make people understand. Hurricane Katrina — that was a moment when people connected the dots. But things don't change till people demand it. So we have to get people demanding it.

**VC: Has being a woman played a role in your success so far?**

**LD:** No, but I think that women are uniquely positioned to help this movement grow. They're natural nurturers, they can multitask ... And I think because we're moms, we have something in us that is going to say "enough is

enough." My own mentors are all men.

**VC: What was the political response to "An Inconvenient Truth?" Was it partisan?**

**LD:** It was a concern when making the movie. This is about everybody. It's not going to work if it becomes just a project of the Democrat or Liberal party. I think that the film did straddle that pretty successfully. The evangelical community was very supportive. Two weeks ago 4,000 churches and temples screened the film around the country. That's huge.

The only negative political response, really, that I heard, was from the President of the United States who, when asked by a reporter, "Are you going to see 'An Inconvenient Truth?'" very glibly said, "Uh, doubt it." It's the least gracious thing I've ever heard an elected official say. Doubt it? So all of America's going to see this film, but you doubt you're going to see it?

**VC: How, in an economy built on consumerism, can we get businesses to lower their energy waste?**

**LD:** One thing is to educate people about how things are made. Another thing is to educate businesses on how they run. I think that there is a huge shift happening in businesses now. When you have a company like Wal-Mart saying that they're going to reduce their carbon content, and that they put a mandate out to 600,000 suppliers saying, "You have to change your packaging, or there's going to be a problem."

**VC: Is Larry David like he is on the show?**

**LD:** Yes.

**VC: How do you live with him?**

**LD:** That's a really good question. But you know what the weird thing is? People are starting to ask how he lives with me!

Laurie David recently published "The Solution is You: An Activist's Guide." For more information on how to help visit <http://www.lauriedavid.com>

## For student vocalists, a chance to become idolized

Sponsored by 95 Triple X, UVM Idol begins an annual tradition

By SARAH POSILLICO  
Staff Writer

Ira Allen Chapel was the stage for a battle of vocal talent Sunday, which began as students from different residence halls competed for the title of UVM Idol.

The contest marked the trial run of the competition, one that the Inter-Residence Association (IRA) hopes will become an annual event.

IRA is the student organization for on campus residence halls that provides a voice for the residential students, according to IRA's Web site.

"The IRA never had a big event in the fall," Melissa Martin, IRA president said. She hopes that having a big event earlier in the year, it will help promote IRA.

Just as Battle of the Bands showcases the musical talent of UVM's students, so too does UVM Idol aim to give students a chance to showcase their vocal talents.

"I'm a big fan of American Idol," Steven Fenton, IRA Director of Finance said. "We thought that it'll be a nice thing to see what UVM has to offer for vocal talent, not just bands."

With 11 different residence complexes across campus, IRA planned for 11 students to compete at the contest on Sunday.

To determine which students would have the honor of representing their residence halls, each dorm held its own "mini-Idol."

However, "the timing conflicted with break, so not a lot of people showed up," Martin said. Indeed, for Jeanne Mance's mini-Idol, literally no one came.

Because IRA receives funding that can only be used for the residence halls, off campus students are prevented from competing in the contest.

"I think we have an even mix

between first years and sophomores, and it goes with the fact that it had to be residence complexes," Fenton said. "We're not allowed to have off campus students."

At the contest, three judges sat in the front of the stage and offered feedback and critiques of the performers, who were allowed to interact with the audience.

The judging panel consisted of Bill Reed, the musical theatre performance instructor for the theatre department, Amber DeLaurentis, jazz vocal instructor for the music department and Alvin Sturdivant, assistant director of residential life.

Martin and Fenton hope that if UVM Idol is a success, other organizations will want to get involved and then off campus students can be included.

With a variety of songs and genres, performers from different backgrounds and Sweet Pete from co-sponsor 95 Triple X emceeding the event, students can expect to have a lot of fun, Martin and Fenton said before the contest.

"[Sweet Pete] will be the Ryan of the show ... in a very



Bailey Adie competes to be the first UVM Idol (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

different way," Fenton said, referring to American Idol's host, Ryan Seacrest.

"The first place prize is something anybody who likes to sing will love," said Fenton.

Erica Bruno, the winner of this year's UVM Idol, proved her love of singing and took home an antique microphone as the first prize.

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# Another heartbreaking work by Eggers

**Author Dave Eggers takes on a Sudanese "Lost Boy" as the narrator of his latest novel**

By EMILY MAY  
Staff Writer

With the release of his first book, "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius" five years ago, Dave Eggers was presented with praise every writer dreams of but a minute number of writers achieve.

With "What Is The What," his fourth novel, Eggers sheds the skin of the white American

male he so fully utilizes in previous novels for that of Valentino Achak Deng, a member of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan – the name given to the approximately 20,000 Sudanese refugees who fled in the wake of civil war.

The novel is the result of collaboration between Deng and Eggers, "born out of the desire ... to reach out to others to help them understand the atrocities many successive governments of Sudan committed before and during the civil war," stated the book's preface.

Deng's oral history was shaped into what is deemed by Eggers as an autobiography, but in actuality closer to a novel with its fictionalized passages.

Gone is the playful self-consciousness of Eggers' previous work. In its place is a sincere

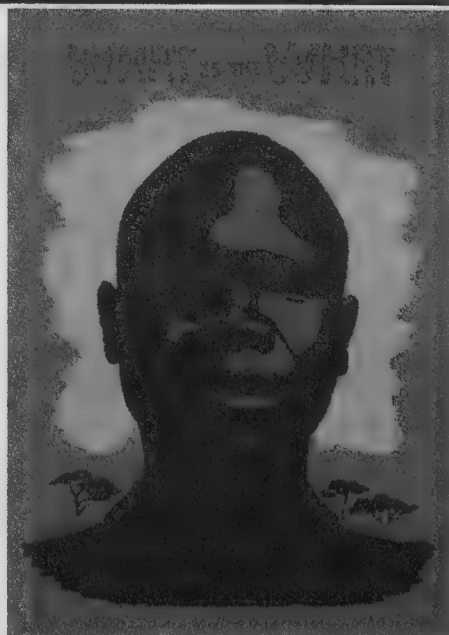
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attempt to infuse this portrait of a young man with humanity as Deng carefully recounts his journey through Sudan seeking

refuge in Ethiopia, Kenya and finally, Atlanta, Ga.

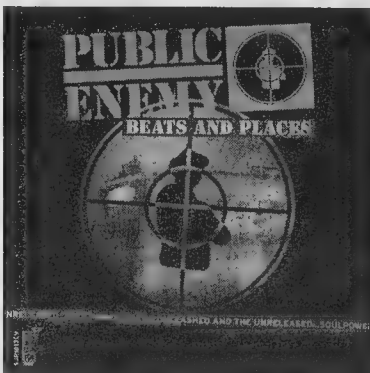
Leading the reader through brutal passages of agonizing detail is a voice that has known loss but not self-pity, strength but not anger. Particularly striking are the passages illustrating the horror Achak faces as a young boy: witnessing the murders of boys in his troupe and acknowledging the loss of his entire family.

By crafting Achak's story of an unfathomable journey and personal loss in the arresting style that has defined him, Eggers achieves a piece of art with a tone of activism.



Eggers' latest tale of a man's voyage from Sudan (<http://www.amazon.com>)

## Critical Thinking: Musical Musings



**Beats and Places**  
(Slam Jamz)  
**Public Enemy**

Nearly 20 years have passed since Public Enemy became the first rap group to incorporate politics into hip hop.

On "Beats and Places," the band follows the tradition it established back in 1987, this time setting their sights on the political and cultural turmoil that currently afflicts America.

The album is composed of 15 unreleased Public Enemy tracks from the past seven years and features the type of dense production that was the band's calling card in the late 80s and 90s.

It may be a memorable sound for those who enjoy Spike Lee joints, but it lends to the album a sound dated by today's hip-hop standards.

Lyrical, "Beats and Places" is more relevant than most hip-hop albums have been since; well, Public Enemy's first album.

"Grand Theft Oil" features inventive sampling of George W.'s more ominous rhetoric, while songs like "Air Conditioning" and "If I Gave You Soul (What Would You Do with It?)" address the current cultural state of the Union.

An accompanying DVD features music videos chock-a-block with anti-Bush sentiment as well as a documentary on the origins of Public Enemy which, for any self-respecting fan, should be well worth the purchase.

-PUTNEY SWOPE



**Songs for Christmas**  
(Asthmatic Kitty)  
**Sufjan Stevens**

Deck the halls, light the tree, trim the turkey and tune the banjo. Santa Sufjan is coming to town.

In his latest release, "Songs for Christmas," Sufjan Stevens brings the best of his indie grass-roots style, mixing a bit of Christmas cheer with fear and wrapping it all up in a single box set.

The set includes 5 EPs, each with a mix of traditional Christmas songs recorded Sufjan-style and homegrown melodies like "That Was the Worst Christmas Ever!"

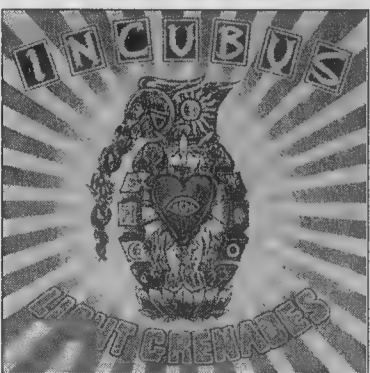
Sufjan explains that each EP was originally recorded at home and sent out to family and friends during each Christmas season since 2000, with one break in 2004 while struggling over the production of his album "Illinois."

The joy of the music is just the beginning. Included in the mix is a set of holiday stickers, several stories written by Stevens and friends, holiday cartoons and lyrics to each song with accompanying chord charts.

There is nothing fake about this set. Every song attests to the true Christmas spirit of dysfunctional family gatherings, tacky decorations and a strong sense of nostalgia.

A breathy voice, smooth tunes and stand-out lyrics like "I don't care about what you say Santa Claus/You're a bad brother breakin' into people's garages," make this sing-along set a holiday must.

-THOMAS PAYEUR



**Light Grenades**  
(Epic)  
**Incubus**

More appealing than 2004's disappointing "A Crow Left of the Murder," Incubus' sixth full-length album, "Light Grenades," leaves something to be desired.

Originally characterized as funkish-rock, which slowly turned into the harmonic melodies of "Morning View," Incubus has continued their new trend toward the harder sounds and loud riffs found on their last album.

The album moves fluidly from one song to another, but this is achieved only because of the songs striking similarity to one another. The rhythms on "Quicksand," the opening track, are enjoyable at first but become obnoxiously redundant when continued into the fourth track.

Lead singer Brandon Boyd fills the album with an incoherent jumble of screams that are supposed to be the nonsensical attempts at metaphorical lyrics about love and despair displayed in the CD jacket.

While the album has unmistakable faults, it is not completely terrible. There are a few shiny diamonds in the rough, including "Love Hurts" and the final track, "Earth to Bella (Part II)," reflective of their old sound.

After six releases, Incubus should have matured musically and lyrically, but "Light Grenades" proves that the band may just be moving backwards.

-LIZ PETOW



**Hell Hath No Fury**  
(Startrack)  
**Clipse**

After their first album, "Lord Willin'," secured their name on the hip-hop scene, the Virginia brothers Malice and Pusha-T endured nothing short of hell over the release of "Hell Hath No Fury."

Legal conflicts with Clipse's old label, Jive Records, had listeners patiently waiting out the four-year-long dry spell. Regardless, the hip-hop duo managed to come through for their fans.

Though the album carries some of the same rags-to-riches, drugs-to-dexterity themes, its overall mood veers from the Clipse's formal, lighthearted feel. "Hell Hath No Fury" tells a story of fame's trials and tribulations, revealing that a life of rhymes isn't all glamour -- illustrative of the duo's collision with Jive.

But even while burdens were placed on the Clipse, they refuse defeat with songs like "Hello New World," proclaiming success over suppression, the lyrics and beats so perfectly synchronized it makes you wonder which element hits harder.

The album already has two hit singles, "Mr. Me Too" featuring Pharrell Williams and "Wamp Wamp (What It Do)" featuring Slim Thug.

Song after song offers something creatively new and deep, fueled by haunting beats and fierce words.

Yes, we waited four long years for "Hell Hath No Fury," but it was well worth the anticipation -- I give it a star for each year of delayed release, plus a fifth for this pretty flawless LP.

-LILY BOTTING

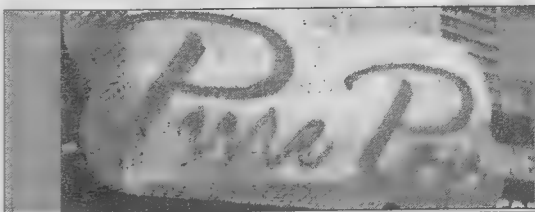
Eggers and Deng's collaboration reaches American culture at a time when relationships between Americans and Africans have become "trendy," as seen on the hips of certain celebrities.

The issues of genocide and civil war in Sudan go largely unexplored in American culture outside of college campuses and a corner of *The New York Times* opinion page. If these venues remind us of horrific crimes against humanity, Achak's story is the face of atrocity that is impossible to forget.

The striking detail and compassion that defines Deng's journey outside Sudan, and Eggers' venture outside himself, exemplifies not only another artistic triumph for the author, but also the urgent need for contemporary American culture to reach outside itself.

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DJ Percy Dynamite now finds solace in providing aid to the youth and music to the airwaves (Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

## DJ serves community, hip-hop

**WRUV DJ Percy Dynamite overcame struggles in order to bring the beats**

By **PUTNEY SWOPE**  
Cynic Correspondent

Infinite Culcleasure first came to Burlington in the summer of 1991. He had recently graduated from high school in Brooklyn and was visiting a friend whose parents had shipped him north, away from the street hustle of New York City.

For the entire summer, Infinite and his friends hung out and went to clubs where they discovered that, because they were the only black kids there, the white club goers would approach them looking to buy cocaine.

"We came up here and looked for jobs at first, but there was really nothing out here and we was partying and we was out a lot and people asked us for drugs all the time," Infinite explained. "We trafficked all around Montreal, New York, and here. It was too easy."

The Vermont cocaine connection may have been an easy one, but it was not without risk. Infinite and his friends were arrested the following fall. He pled guilty to all charges and spent the next two and a half years in a federal prison.

"I was the youngest person on the compound when I went down," Infinite said. "When I walked in there and they saw me, how young I was, a lot of those dudes, instead of taking advantage they took me in like family. I did my time learning from them."

It was there that Infinite, whose given name is Percy, decided to change his name. "One of the things I learned from my reading and my studying was that names are important," he

said. "I felt obligated after knowing what I knew to make a statement, to say 'You know what? This is a slave name. This is not a name that my ancestors had anything to do with.' I went through the same kind of transformation that Malcolm [X] did, so to speak."

It was then 1994 and Infinite, fresh out of prison, decided to return to Burlington. He took a job as a janitor for UVM and embarked on a degree in psychology and sociology, from which he would learn about the prison industry from a very different perspective. It was also around this time that Infinite became involved with the university's radio station, WRUV.

"At the time 'RUV was the only station playing hip-hop, I mean, period," Infinite recalled. "And then there was only, like, two DJs that played it. So it was just, like, a need."

In 2004 Infinite went back to working in the streets — this time as a homeless youth counselor. According to him, it was simply a logical thing to do.

"The same way I became a DJ, because there were [none], are some of the same reasons why I feel obligated to be a leader in the community," he said.

Infinite is currently organizing what will be the biggest New Year's Eve party Burlington has ever seen in its history. "We have somewhere around 30 DJs and five sound systems spread throughout the [Echo Center]. We're gonna have hip-hop and funk in one room, dance hall in another room, 80s in another room ... and we're gonna have a dance contest — an amateur danceoff," he gushed. "I ordered the trophy months ago."

You can catch Infinite's radio show, The Sixth Borough, every Thursday at 4 p.m. on WRUV 90.1 FM.

For more information on New Year's Eve at the Echo Center check out <http://www.myspace.com/newyearseveburlington>.

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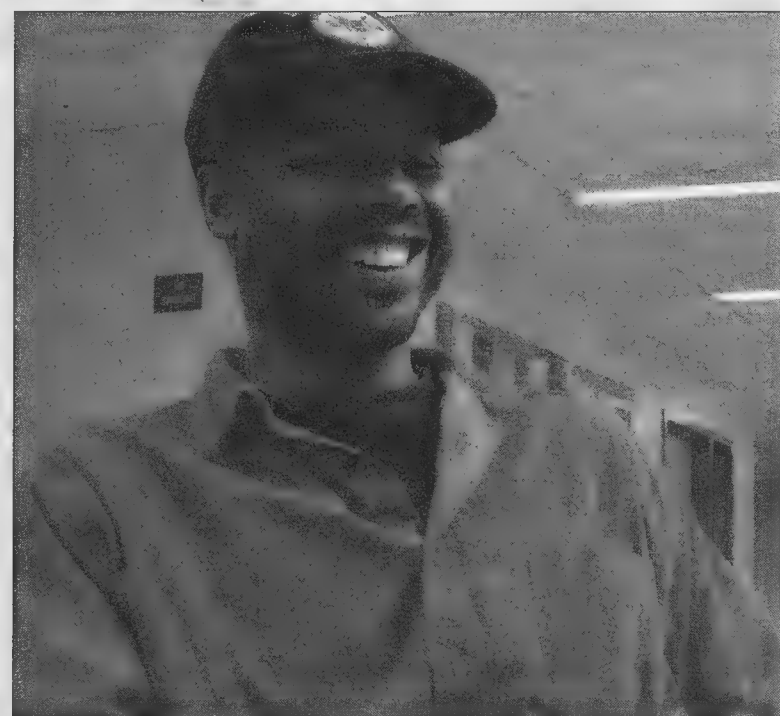
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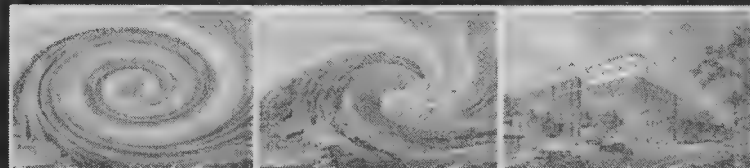
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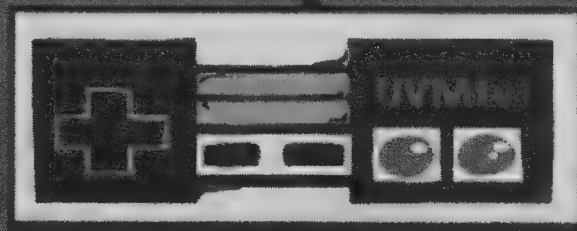


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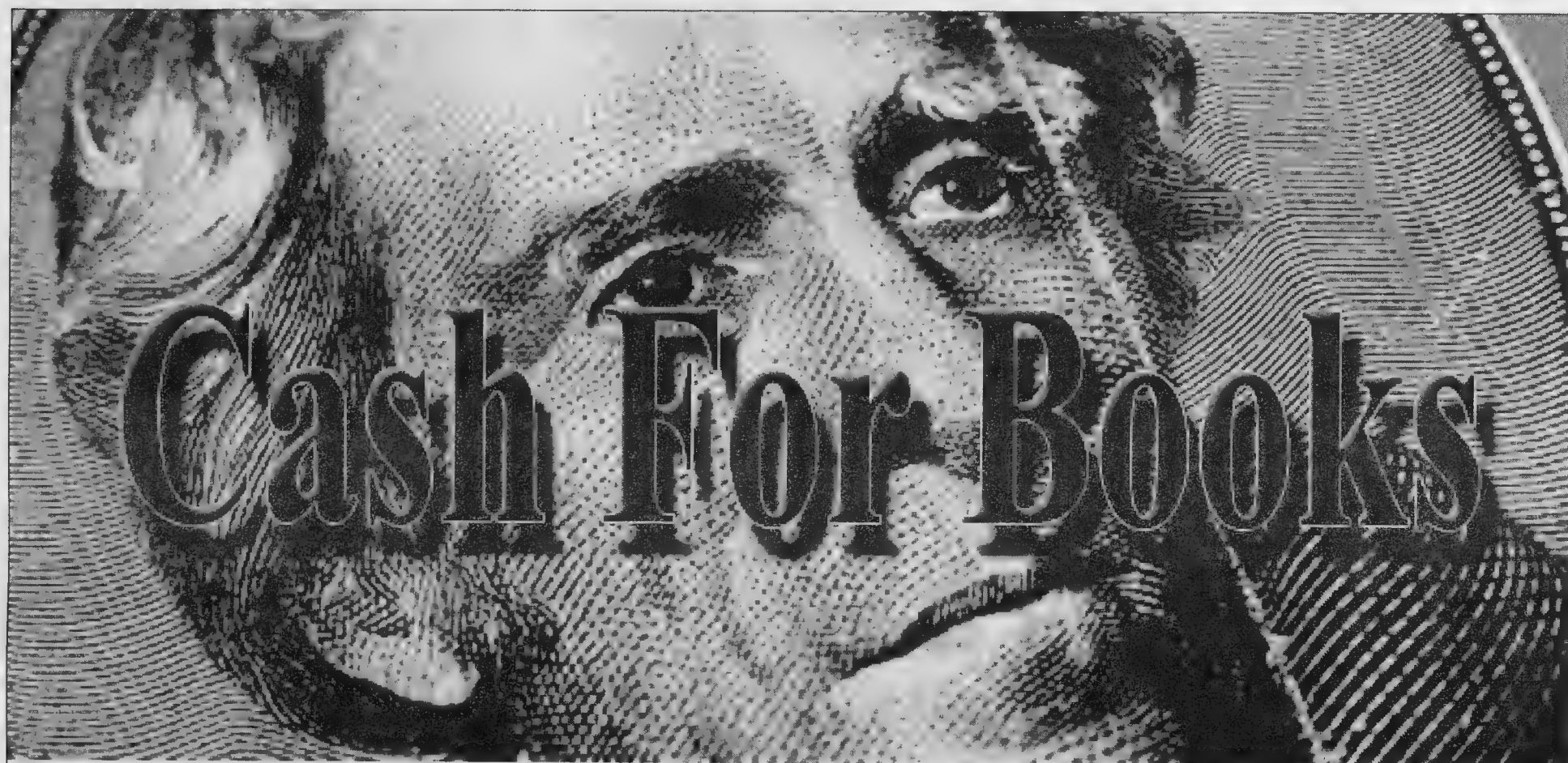
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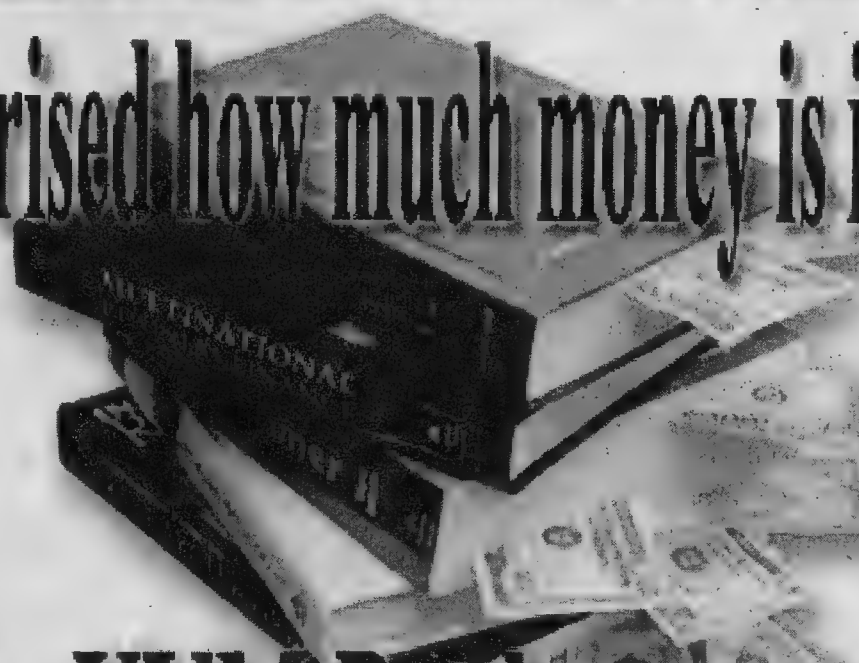
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<b>HOLIDAY BUFFET</b> 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Waterman Grace Coolidge Room	<b>16 DAYS TO END GENDERED VIOLENCE</b> 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Old Mill John Dewey Lounge 325	<b>ASP Stress Reliever</b> 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. L/L FIREPLACE LOUNGE	<b>LITERARY LONDON 2007 INFORMATION SESSION</b> 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. L/L FIREPLACE LOUNGE	<b>MEN'S HOCKEY VS USA U18 7PM</b> 4:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Gutterson Rink - PFG Complex	<b>WOMENS CLUB LACROSSE</b> 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tennis and Multipurpose Facility- PFG Complex	<b>Trouble Shooting Green Sheets</b> 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Waterman 427A
<b>SFPGJ FAIR TRADE MEETING</b> 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Old Mill Annex A207	<b>ANTI-WAR FILM SHOWING</b> 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Lafayette Hall L302	<b>WOMENS RUGBY CLUB</b> 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tennis and Multipurpose Facility (courts 3+4)- PFG Complex	<b>DR. ERIC NICHOLS RETIREMENT RECEPTION</b> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Waterman Memorial Lounge 338	<b>CHANUKAH PARTY</b> 6:30 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. L/L FIREPLACE LOUNGE	<b>ENDURANCE RIDES</b> 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Gutterson Multipurpose Room - PFG Complex	<b>FACULTY SENTATE MEETING</b> 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Waterman Memorial Lounge 338
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## The Windy City Word

By Dakota Rubin  
Sports Editor

## NBA finally got it right

It is not often I feel that the NBA does things well (i.e. new basketball that everyone hates and the dress code = bad ideas). But I have to give credit to Commissioner David Stern for insisting on an age restriction for the draft.

In the past, high school players were all the rage in the draft as general managers hoped to score a knockout by making selections based on potential rather than proven ability. Unfortunately, for every jackpot high schooler like LeBron or Kobe, there were dozens of players like Ndudi Ebi and Louis Williams who play limited roles or are out of the league entirely.

The new NBA rules state that a U.S. player must be at least 19 years of age at the time of the draft as well as be at least one year removed from high school.

Due to the new rule, hordes of prospective pros now have to spend at least one year in college.

Critics across the country have bashed this decision, saying it will disrupt the flow and beauty of college basketball because the core of programs will be changing on a yearly basis.

To counter these points I give you exhibit A: North Carolina vs. Ohio State on Nov. 29.

Both teams are ranked in the top 10 and have a shot at the national title, which would not be possible if not for a crop of freshmen playing major roles who, without the new rule, would be in the NBA right now.

Many student athletes, such as Ohio State's Greg Oden, who would have been the number one pick in the draft this past year if not for the new rule, have said that they will go to the NBA after this season, but why is that a bad thing?

Isn't that the "Melo syndrome"?

Was any Syracuse fan upset after Anthony brought the Orange a national championship, even if he did skip to the league after one year?

A player coming in for one year with the singular goal of winning a National Championship cannot be a bad thing.

If you disagree, I would ask you to watch the Tar Heel/Buckeye game and tell me it was not one of the best you have ever seen due to the freshmen's stellar play. There is no way this would have happened without the new rule.

Without the freshmen, these teams would not be in a position to win the title (both teams start three freshman).

But relying on the youngsters has drawbacks as well. Kansas is a perfect example. They play mostly underclassmen who have the potential to be dynamic (they knocked off then number one and defending national champion Florida) but are also very inconsistent (losses to both Oral Roberts and DePaul).

This just adds to the parity of college basketball. In an era when mid-majors are expected to make runs deep into the tourney, and analysts everywhere are trying to pick out the next George Mason, the stellar stock of youngsters go to schools all over the country, spreading talent in a way never before seen in college athletics.

We are looking at an age in college basketball when we can no longer expect a team to go undefeated or even expect to be able to predict what will happen throughout the season.

But if the beginning of the year is any indication, we are in for one of the best college basketball seasons in a long time, with much of the credit going to the exciting crop of diaper dandies.

## For a final flourish, Fidler rouses a real life rivalry

By JASON FIDLER  
Senior Staff Writer

At the end of this semester my time at UVM will be up. I am transferring to a different university in January; the reasons why are not important in regard to this piece.

My experiences as a collegiate sports fan here at Vermont have been largely a mixed bag, yet until recently I had no idea why. Then, as I was pondering what to write about for my last article in *The Cynic*, the answer came to me in an epiphanic revelation: we, as Catamounts have no rivalry.

You see, in order to foster a positive environment for collegiate athletics, and get the community involved, a little bit of animosity is needed. Harvard hates Yale, Boston College hates Boston University, Ohio State hates Michigan, and all other schools hate Notre Dame.

UVM? We hate nobody. We are (almost) always respectful and courteous towards our competitive opponents. Yet like I always say, every now and then hatred is good for the soul.

So, like a mortally wound-

ed soldier tossing a grenade over enemy territory on his last breath, I hope that my final *Cynic* article is a bomb. My target: Binghamton.

Binghamton sucks. They are pathetic in every possible meaning of the word. For example, if you go to their Web

not good people.

Binghamton's athletic mascot is a "bearcat." What the hell is a "bearcat"? Are they really that cognitively disabled over there, somewhere in central NY, that they think that a cross between a bear and a cat actually exists? If there is such a crea-

sources on wrestling. Yes, the "bearcats" manhandled Princeton in wrestling on the 25th, defeating them 36-5. Good job -- beat up a bunch of Ivy Leaguers on sweaty rubber mats while their teammates discuss quantum algorithms or Russian politics on the sidelines. That's something to be really proud of. Jerks.

What college has a wrestling program anyway? I'll tell you who -- the same type of people who like Domino's new "Brooklyn style" pizza, Binghamton people.

I have sent this

letter to the Binghamton University school paper, *The Pipe Dream* (if that's not an overt drug reference I don't know what is -- silly Binghamton hippies). I doubt they'll respond however, those cowards.

Well, there it is, my final article for *The Cynic*. I hope it was entertaining, and do me a favor. At the next Binghamton-UVM basketball game, start a brawl in my memory (just joking, just joking).

P.S. - it should probably be noted that these views do not reflect *The Cynic* as a paper. The last thing we want is for Binghamton to release that "bearcat" fury on us...

*A possibility was that Binghamton is trying to simultaneously emulate UVM and UMaine, and "blackbearcatamount" didn't flow off the tongue.*



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site, often times a picture of some college kids looking at trees will appear next to "Binghamton University." Apparently all they do there is look at trees. Not surprising.

Also, where is Binghamton? The truth is no one actually knows for sure. It's probably somewhere in central New York, because it is a commonly known fact that any school whose destination is unknown is actually in central New York, it said so on Wikipedia.

Therefore they are probably fans of the New York Giants and Domino's new "Brooklyn Style" pizza. As anyone can see, these Binghamton folk are

ture as a "bearcat" then I'm running for the hills.

A more reasonable possibility was that Binghamton is trying to simultaneously emulate UVM and UMaine, and "blackbearcatamount" didn't flow off the tongue.

I would make fun of their athletic program, but that would be too easy. Take their winter athletics. Both of the "bearcats" basketball programs are nothing special.

UVM would destroy the "bearcats" in hockey if they ever had the guts to face us (disregard the fact the Binghamton has no hockey team).

Instead, they focus their re-

## NFL week 14 predictions

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

## The Games of the Week

**Indianapolis at Jacksonville** - Games between these teams are always exciting and this one will be no different. Indy, though, is too strong and will pound out the victory. Final 27-23 Indianapolis.

**Baltimore at Kansas City** - The Ravens are a sure playoff team while the Chiefs are fighting for their lives. This urgency will give them the energy to grab a monumental victory. Final 24-20 Kansas City.

**Denver at San Diego** - The sequel of one of the most exciting games of the season will again be taken by the Chargers who are too skilled both on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Final 27-20 San Diego.

## The Best of the Rest

**Cleveland at Pittsburgh** - The Thursday night matchup should be the first "easy" win for the Bucs all season. Final 27-10 Pittsburgh.

**Atlanta at Tampa Bay** - This is a must win game for the Falcons. QB Michael Vick will have a huge game to creep closer to a playoff birth. Final 24-14 Atlanta.

**NY Giants at Carolina** - Both teams are fighting for a playoff spot but the Panthers are the more complete and cohesive team -- and that will be the difference. Final 27-17 Carolina.

**New England at Miami** - The Patriots should have the upper hand but will get a very stiff test from the resurgent Dolphins.

Final 24-21 New England.

**Tennessee at Houston** - The Titans have found new life with Vince Young behind center and expect them to keep up their winning ways against the Texans. Final 20-13 Tennessee.

**Oakland at Cincinnati** - The Bengals have been on a roll as of late, but must avoid a concentration lapse against the lowly Raiders. Expect it to be closer than expected, but not close enough. Final 24-17 Cincinnati.

**Seattle at Arizona** - Many thought this could be a great divisional battle but the Cardinals are an all-around bad team and don't stand a chance against the healthy Seahawks. Final 30-17 Seattle.

**Green Bay at San Francisco** - The 49ers seem born again this season and will pull off some magic against the worn down Packers. Final 24-16 San Francisco.

**Buffalo at NY Jets** - The Jets are playing well as of late but the Bills will pose a significant threat with their bruising style. This game should be close until the end when New York's experience will take over. Final 20-17 New York.

**New Orleans at Dallas** - The Cowboys have become a real power in the NFC while the Saints have begun to fall off the radar. New Orleans will give a good effort but will come up short on the road against a very talented Dallas team. Final 27-24 Dallas.

**Chicago at St. Louis** - The Bears will be challenged by St. Louis's stellar running game but their "bend but don't break" mentality will stay true as they escape with a slim victory. Final 24-20 Chicago.

## Upset Special

**Philadelphia at Washington** - The Eagles have been faltering since their leader went down and it only gets harder in the nations capital. Final 20-17 Washington.

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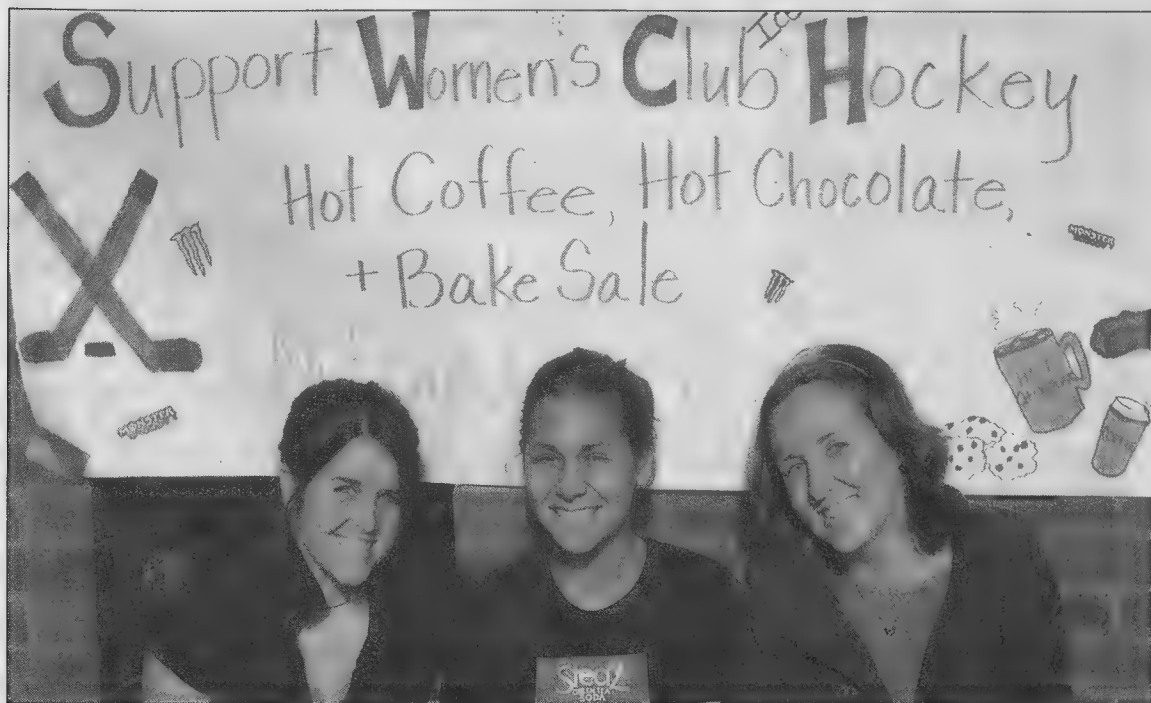
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# Club starts small



Bernice Denehan (from left), Zanna Worzella and Alison Pariseau sell baked goods to raise money for the new women's club ice hockey team (Jody Chamberlain)

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Staff Writer

Only five months since its conception, the women's club ice hockey team has become an officially accepted and registered club at the University of Vermont but it is still relatively unknown.

"As a first year team, we're not allowed funding unless we petition it or ask for supplemental funding, which we did," president Zanna Worzella said. "The University accepted our request and rewarded us with money for the rest of the semester, as long as we promised to raise about one third of the budget I proposed."

The women have done additional fundraising including an impromptu bake sale, at which they realized that people were not aware that the club actually existed.

"People thought we were a field hockey team," freshman Bernice Denehan said. "It's like they didn't understand that girls could have an ice hockey club."

The girls have put in a lot of time and effort into the formation of the club, head coach Aziz Fattassi said. They went through the Student Government Association, the composition of a formal constitution and budget proposals, all to play hockey in a laid-back and positive environment.

Since the women are friends off the ice, the club team has put on fundraisers both on- and off campus in hopes that people will

donate money to help support the club, which is a good cause, Fattassi said.

At this point the team has prospective competitions against other schools' club teams, but is not focused on strict competition, Worzella said.

"Psychologically, we're definitely ready to compete," Fattassi said. "The club is new and the girls are willing to put in that much more effort and commit all they have to this because they are here just to play."

Hoping to begin scrimmages and games against other schools' club teams or high school teams next semester, the women of the ice hockey club are upbeat and excited to be out on the ice, living their dream of a club team.

"The pure dedication of the girls to the sport will lead to personal development," Worzella said. "Plus, we have so many talented girls who could have played D-I hockey, but whether or not they had the time or desire to commit to a varsity sport, we welcome them into the club."

The hardest part of putting together the club was the interest level, Worzella said. There were many girls who only started to show interest once the club became official, but now that it is, there are around 40 girls who are members of the club and if interest is there, more people will continue to come.

With practices only once a week, the team hopes to increase

their budget to practice much more frequently and even possibly at Gutterson Fieldhouse, rather than the local rink they are currently practicing at on Sunday nights.

The team does not hold tryouts and is open to anyone who wants to skate with them. Experience and skill have nothing to do with joining the team, "as long as they're willing to put effort into keeping this club going and developing it as a whole, they're in," Worzella said.

The University of Vermont's women's club ice hockey team has created a fun atmosphere that keeps girls coming back to practices and hopefully, Denehan said, to the games that will happen next semester.

# Thomas' star shines brightest in UVM reunion

Bruins' goalie sparkles against former Catamount teammates

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

It may not have taken place in the cozy confines of the Gutterson Fieldhouse, but Thursday night's NHL matchup between the Boston Bruins and Tampa Bay Lightning at the TD Banknorth Garden held a nostalgic air of homecoming for a few former Catamounts.

With serious bragging rights on the line, Bruins' goaltender Tim Thomas bested his former UVM teammates Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin by leading the Black and Gold to a thrilling 4-3 shootout victory.

In a game that featured some of hockey's greatest talents — Bruins' mammoth defenseman Zdeno Chara, 21 year old phenom Patrice Bergeron and the Bolts' Canadian dynamo Vincent Lecavalier — it was a trio of '97 Catamount graduates that stole the show.

Displaying the same finishing touch that made him the Cats' all time leading goal scorer (107), Perrin took advantage of an odd man break and unleashed a rocket past his former teammate Thomas at 17:08 of the first period. Perrin's strike was his sixth goal

of the year and knotted the score at one.

The Cats connection continued into the second period as St. Louis lit the lamp shorthanded at 4:44 to give the Lightning a 2-1 advantage. The lone assist on St. Louis' 16th tally of the season went to none other than Perrin. The combination still holds the UVM record for most points in a season with 85 each in the 95-96 campaign.

Still, the UVM spotlight shined brightest on Thomas early in the third. Capitalizing on a Boston defensive miscue, Lightning center Brad Richards

*With serious bragging rights on the line, Bruins' goaltender Tim Thomas bested his former UVM teammates Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin*

feathered a cross ice feed to an uncovered St. Louis. However, Thomas — the all time Catamount wins leader at 81 — sprawled full extension to his right and devoured St. Louis' attempt at the wide open net.

Thomas, epitomizing a true team player, modestly downplayed his spectacular highlight reel save. He was simply happy to help out the team, "Everything was happening so fast," said the Bruins' netminder. "I had more saves to come."

However, for St. Louis, such an incredible individual effort from Thomas was nothing out of the ordinary. "He made a good play," said the Cats' all-time points leader (276). "He's that type of goalie. He doesn't give up. Praise to him."

After an exchange of goals between Lecavalier and Glen Murray, the game entered overtime then the shootout tied at three. Still, it was thanks to Thomas — who finished with 31 saves — that the contest even lasted that long.

"He's the reason why we were still in the game," Bruins Head coach Dave Lewis said. "He made some fabulous saves."

The shootout pitted Thomas against old mates St. Louis and Perrin one last time. Although the dynamic duo was able to beat him in regulation, Thomas got the best of the UVM family affair by stoning both when it mattered most.

The shootout went to an astounding seven rounds, with Thomas blanking every Bolt attempt he faced. Finally, 19 year old Bruins' rookie Phil Kessel — the contest's 12 participant — was successful, ripping a wrister past a helpless Marc Denis.

The fantastic finish gave the Bruins a much needed two points and also their third win on the year against St. Louis, Perrin and the Bolts, and — more importantly — gave Thomas some serious bragging rights.

"I think they're going to be mad at me," said a grinning Thomas.

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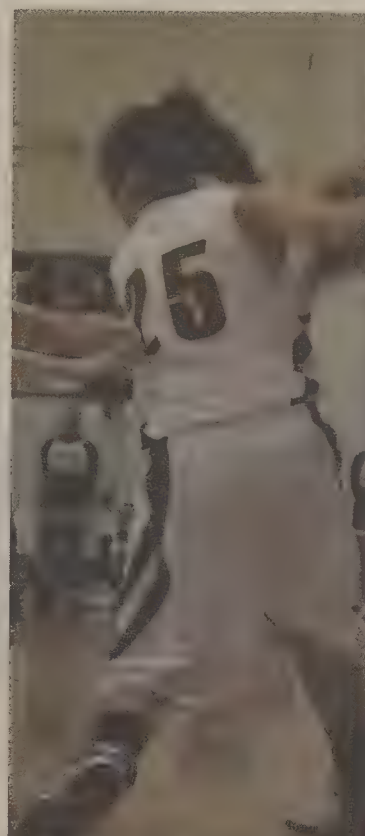
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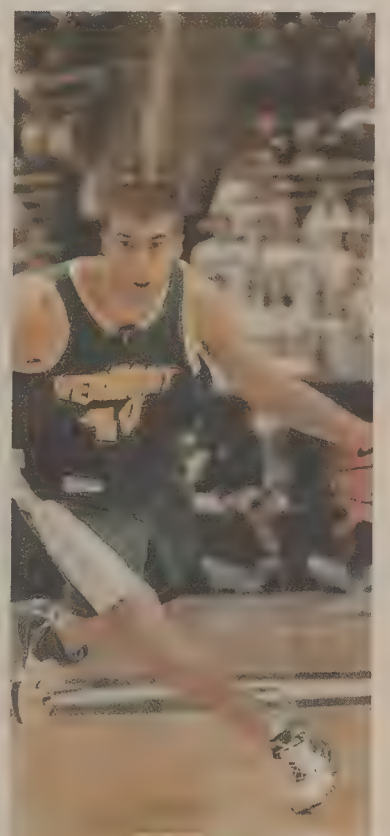
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## While the University was busy eating turkey and relaxing, Catamount athletes were hard at work

### Men's Hockey

The University of Vermont men's ice hockey team had more than just family, friends and good health to be thankful for during this past holiday break.

The red hot Catamounts rode a 7 game win streak – highlighted by upsets over #9 BU and #2 Maine -- to secure the #18 ranking in the latest USCHO.com/CSTV poll. Despite a 4-1 loss to #2 UNH, the Cats improved their overall record to 9-5-1 (6-2-1, Hockey East) in the season.

Fresh off the heels of a crushing 1-0 defeat to #3 BC on Nov. 4, the Cats' victory binge was born on Nov. 10 when they doubled up Providence, 4-2. Forwards Torrey Mitchell and Dean Strong led the way with a goal and two assists apiece while goaltender Joe Fallon stoned the Friars with a season high 35 saves. Freshman Viktor Stalberg chipped in with a goal and assist, earning Hockey East Rookie of the Week honors.

The Cats continued to sizzle, earning a monumental 2-1 victory over #9 BU on Nov. 14. A power play goal by Strong with just 3:47 left in the third period sent the Gutterson Fieldhouse into a frenzy. Strong paced the next victory as well, scoring a goal in support of Joe Fallon's 14 saves in a 4-1 thrashing of Merrimack on Nov. 18. Strong earned Athlete of the Week honors while Fallon was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week.

UVM's streak continued with a 3-0 blowout at #14 Massachusetts on Nov. 21. Mitchell lit the lamp twice while Fallon earned his 13th career shutout. The Cats returned home on Nov. 25 and rewarded the 44th consecutive Gut' sellout crowd with a thrilling 3-2 squeaker.

Strong's empty net goal with 25 seconds remaining proved to be timely insurance as Massachusetts converted to make it 3-2 with just 3 seconds left. Fallon's 27 saves made him the Hockey East Co-Defensive Player of the Week while Mitchell secured the Hockey East Player of the Week award.

A pair of 2-1 nailbiters ran

the streak to 7. On Nov. 28, Strong tallied the game winner over Harvard with 1:35 left in overtime, earning freshman goaltender Mike Spillane (25 saves) his first career victory. On Nov. 30, the Cats tripped up UMass-Lowell by the same score thanks to freshman Brayden Irwin's goal and assist and Fallon's stellar 17 save performance.

The Cats' prolific streak came to a screeching halt on Sunday when they fell to red hot #2 UNH, 4-1. Wildcat junior netminder Kevin Regan (22 saves) stymied a surging Catamount attack and extended UNH's unbeaten streak to 10 games. Irwin scored the lone goal for UVM.

-JOSH APPELBAUM



**NEXT GAME:**  
Saturday vs. USA  
U-18 @ 7 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

During the Thanksgiving break, the Vermont women's hockey team lost two and tied one of their three games.

Saturday, Nov. 18, the Cats were shut out by the Robert Morris Colonials by a final score of 2-0. Vermont outshot the Colonials 21-16, but went 0-4 on the power play, while Robert Morris got one of their two goals on the woman advantage.

Both of the Colonials' goals were scored within seven minutes in the second period against senior goalkeeper Shivaun Siegl, who recorded 14 saves for the Cats.

On Friday, Nov. 24, the Cats tied the Bemidji State Beavers 3-3 in overtime after a goal by sophomore Sarah Smiddy with an assist coming from freshman Jackie Thode in the third period.

Vermont scored twice in the first period on goals by junior Kristi Anderson and freshman Chelsea Furlani within six minutes of each other. Juniors Kate Lesniak, Frankie Williams and Karen Sentoff recorded assists on the two goals.

Goalkeeper junior Jenilee Roy finished the contest with 17 saves as the Cats improved to 2-

10-2 on the season.

On Nov. 25 Vermont fell to the Beavers 3-0 in the final game of the double header against Bemidji State.

The Cats held the score at 0-0 until the end of the second period when two goals, 33 seconds apart lifted the Beavers to a 2-0 lead going into the third period of play.

Bemidji State outshot the Catamounts 26-20 and ended the game 3-0 with a third period goal in the final 10 minutes.

Roy recorded 23 saves for Vermont, who fell to 2-11-2 on the season.

Last Saturday in a matchup with the #3 ranked and conference foe New Hampshire, Roy made a career-high 49 saves but it was not enough as the Cats fell 5-0.

Vermont now stands at 2-12-2 overall and 0-6-1 in Hockey East, where they are in eighth place.

-JOANNA BENJAMIN



**NEXT GAME:**  
Thursday Jan. 4  
vs. Conn. @ 4 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team went a sparkling 4-0 over the Thanksgiving.

The Catamounts captured the URI Invitational by defeating #22 Boston College 56-48 in the championship game. Senior co-captain Brittney Cross led the Catamounts with 17 points and six assists and captured the tournament MVP award.

Cross averaged 18 points, four and a half rebounds and seven assists in during the tournament. Freshman Courtney Pilypaitis added 14 points, four rebounds, four assists, and joined Cross on the All-Tournament team.

Freshman May Kotsopoulos added nine points and sophomore Amy Rosenkrantz contributed seven for the Catamounts.

The win marks the first time Vermont has beaten BC and also the first time the Cats have knocked off a ranked opponent. This is the second victory

for Vermont basketball over ranked BC teams after the men's basketball team defeated the Eagles on Nov. 13.

Vermont defeated host Rhode Island in the opening round of the tournament 75-52. Again lead by Cross' 19 points while Pilypaitis chipped in 17 of her own.

The Lady Cats won the TD Banknorth Classic at Patrick Gymnasium earlier in the week by defeating East Carolina in the championship game 57-43.

Amy Rosenkrantz led the Catamounts with 14 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Sy Janousek contributed 11 points, going a perfect three for three from beyond the arc. Andrea Cihal grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Catamounts.

May Kotsopoulos was named to the All-Tournament Team, adding 11 points in the championship game.

Courtney Pilypaitis captured the tournament MVP honors after scoring seven points, grabbing seven rebounds and handing out eight assists.

The previous night she led the Cats past Holy Cross 67-53, scoring 19 points, five assists and snatching seven steals. Kotsopoulos added 11 points, and Cross chipped in 10.

Pilypaitis was named America East Rookie of the Week for the week of Nov. 19. Cross was also named America East Player of the Week.

After the holiday break the Cats traveled to Minnesota to take on the Gophers on Thursday night. The game was close throughout until Minnesota pulled away with three minutes remaining to win 74-59. Kotsopoulos led the team with 21 points.

On Saturday, Vermont beat Lafayette 73-64. Cross led the team with 20 points while Kotsopoulos added 18.

The Catamounts now stand at 5-2 overall.

-NICK DECARO



**NEXT GAME:**  
Sun. Dec. 17 vs.  
Manhattan @ 12

### Men's Basketball

The UVM men's basketball team went 1-2 over the break with losses coming against Drexel and Michigan State, along with a win against Wagner.

On Nov. 18, Drexel defeated the Catamounts at home 59-46. Freshman Joe Trapani led Vermont with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Tuesday Nov. 21, the team traveled to East Lansing to take on the Michigan State Spartans. Despite a 21 point performance from Trapani and five assists from freshman Nick Vier, MSU easily handled the Catamounts, dealing them a loss 66-46.

UVM continued their road trip on Saturday Nov. 25, heading to Staten Island to take on Wagner. Stand out performances from sophomore Colin McIntosh (18 points) and senior Chris Holm (16 rebounds) allowed the Cats to win the high-scoring affair, 77-69.

Due in part to his excellent play over the break, Joe Trapani was named the America East Rookie of the Week on Monday Nov. 19. Trapani was rewarded the honor thanks to his play against Boston College the week before, when he scored 13 points in 77-63 victory over the Eagles.

On Friday, the Cats suffered another loss at the hands of the Towson University Tigers 67-54. Trapani again led the Cats with a double-double, 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Mike Trimboli added 11 points and six assists.

Vermont rebounded on Sunday with a victory over the University of Delaware 57-55. Trimboli lead the team with a career high 25 points and Trapani chipped in 12.

The Cats were down by four with 1:17 remaining but a layup and three-pointer by Trapani gave Vermont the lead for good.

Vermont currently stands at 4-4 on the season.

-JASON FIDLER



**NEXT GAME:**  
Sunday vs. Iona  
@ 1 p.m.



## SWEEP!



Torrey Mitchell (9) races into the BC zone during Saturday night's 4-2 win against the Eagles. Paired with Friday's 3-2 win, Saturday's victory gave the Cats mounts their first win against BC in 12 years and completed the weekend sweep. The Cats are now third place in Hockey East. (Story page A8)

(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

## The End Is Near

Construction projects, including the Davis Center and the new tunnel entrance will be finished within months

By LAURA PEDRO

News Editor

Everything should be back to normal around campus by fall 2007, according to director of capital planning and management Bob Vaughan.

Almost completely finished projects - such as the Harris Millis dining hall and the U-Heights dormitory - are still undergoing some finishing touches, including landscaping and general cleaning of construction sites and will be finalized this spring, Vaughan said.

The future of the formerly infamous UVM tunnel, which crosses beneath Main Street, has been the buzz around campus. Vaughan explained that the tunnel will be refurbished and lead directly into the lower level of the Davis Center.

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## Veterans Speak Their Peace

Veterans of the Iraq speak about their experiences and denounce the proposed troop increase in Iraq

By DANIELLE GOLDSCHNEIDER

Staff Writer

For many American college students, the War in Iraq was and is their life. "I signed up for the college money, not for the grand idea for serving the country; it's because of the lack of social programs," Iraq war veteran, UVM student and ex-Marine Matt Howard said.

Last Friday at Burlington City Hall, Howard met with Drew Cameron, a former field artillery soldier stationed in Iraq who is now a UVM student, to oppose the War.

"I cannot express to you how urgent the situation is, it is so dire that it is worse than when Saddam was in power. I can tell you with absolute clarity that the military occupation will never benefit Iraq," Cameron said.

Like Howard, many Ameri-

can college students seek the money that is offered by the U.S. military to pay for their higher education.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is a program that offers scholarships to students, requiring them to sign a four-year contract with the army after their third year of participation in the ROTC.

"We prepare young Americans of character for service of the nation. One of the misconceptions of ROTC is that we train them to be combatants. We are a leadership training program," Chair of the Military Studies Department Steven Koebrich said.

Koebrich does not see signing a contract with the army as synonymous with going to Iraq. "The only thing you commit to when you sign a contract is to serve the Constitution and the president, whether that requires going to serve in the humanitarian corps in Africa or Iraq."

"I don't support any military recruitment. It's sad that recruiters lie and make a lot of

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(Simone LaBonte/Vermont Cynic)

Members of the Iraq Veterans Against the War panel.

## Douglas Opposes Troop Surge

By NOAH STAUM

Staff Writer

When asked what would relieve his frustration towards the War in Iraq, Republican Gov. Jim Douglas exclaimed, "Progress in Iraq!"

Douglas' frustration was in response to the address that President Bush gave to the nation on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The address announced a new strategy that has been developed for Iraq, which includes the call for 21,500 troops to be sent overseas, primarily to stabilize neighborhoods in Baghdad.

The president hopes that the commitment of more troops in Baghdad will assist in shifting responsibility off American shoulders and into the hands of the Iraqi government, and to achieve stability in the country.

Douglas said he is not persuaded that the proposed addi-

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Study abroad in Daxaca back on slate for '08, but conflict still persists.

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Global warming: scary warm weather is not to be ignored.

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## Winter Vacation News Briefs

By LAURA PEDRO  
News Editor

**Dec. 4** A stabbing outside of Higher Ground led to the arrest of Michael Maslak, 21, of Essex. He is accused of stabbing Nicholas Heilig, 23, of Castleton with a box cutter while the two were arguing about a fur coat, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

**Dec. 5** An apparent murder-suicide took the lives of former UVM professor Tony S. Keller, 51, recent UVM graduate Karmen A. Anderson, 23, and Anderson's boyfriend Corey Crandall, 22, in Tampa Bay, Florida. An alleged romantic relationship between Anderson and Keller led Crandall to shoot them, before killing himself, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

**Dec. 12** Burlington resident Ellen Ducharme, 40, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing her cocaine dealer, Ligia Rae Collins, in order to steal cocaine. Ducharme violently murdered the mother of two - with whom she was well acquainted - over two years ago, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

**Dec. 16** Hundreds of UVM undergraduates and graduate students were recognized at the December commencement celebration at Ira Allen Chapel.

**Dec. 31** Burlington's First Night on Church Street celebrated its 24th year with 1,000 performing artists, which included dancers, music, magic, art and theater, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

**Jan. 1** A new sales tax on beer was implemented on New Years Day. The tax is 6% statewide and 7% in Burlington, and goes along with the already established tax on wine. The new tax will add 45 cents to the average six-pack, according to local press reports.

**Jan. 4** Governor Jim Douglas sworn into his third term in office in which he spoke about a technologically progressive future for Vermont as an "e-state," according to local press reports.

**Jan. 4** Lakeside Pharmacy on Pearl Street was robbed around 1 p.m. by a man who was armed with a knife. The robber took cash and prescription drugs, before fleeing on foot, according to the Burlington police press release. No arrests have been made.

# Oaxaca 2008: Is it safe?

The popular UVM study abroad program has been cancelled this semester due to reports of dangerous regional violence. Questions still exist with the 2008 program back on the calendar

By JOHN MEIERDIERCKS  
Cynic Correspondent

Since 1996, the Continuing Education Program at UVM has organized a study abroad trip to the quiet Mexican city of Oaxaca, and until now the program has gone on with no problem - 2007 is different.

The program has been cancelled for 2007 because of recent events that have left the city and its people reeling and unsettled.

Since May of 2006, Oaxaca has been racked with massive political protest and violent police intervention. Although the violence has died down since the inauguration of President Vicente Fox, arbitrary detentions and murders by paramilitary forces have continued throughout the end of last year and into 2007.

UVM appears to believe things will be fine by 2008 though, as they have continued planning for a program there next year.

The question in many student's minds is: will the city be able to maintain civility and stability in the face of massive public dissonance and governmental corruption?

The protest began on May 1, 2006, when a group of city teachers handed over to the local authorities a list of grievances and demands, including better pay and essential amenities for their students including textbooks, medical services, etc.

When no response was received from the government, the teachers occupied the city center. There they were joined

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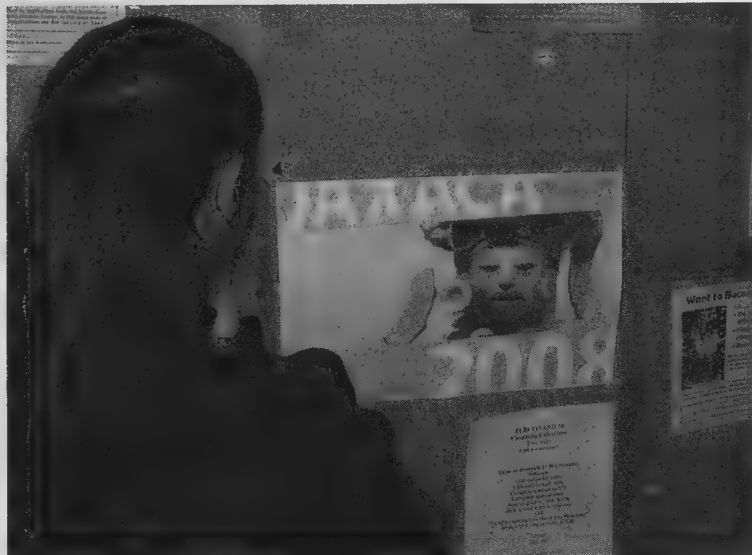
in support by the Popular Assembly for the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO), an umbrella group which consists of about 365 grassroots organizations including union groups, women's movements and indigenous and peasant groups, according to press reports.

The APPO claims it is not subversive in any way, but non-violent; they are not looking to overthrow the current government of Oaxaca, only protect the rights of its people.

The protest lasted for five months, during which police and paramilitary forces often pelted the peaceful demonstration with tear gas and, on occasion, bullets. In the end, several people have been killed including an American journalist. Damage costs range as high as \$30 million.

The decision to cancel the UVM trip came after much deliberation by those involved in planning. After looking closely at the situation in the city and studying all travel advisories, the general consensus was that the safety of the students was at risk, and such a risk was not worth taking. The University's concern for the safety of the students was at the heart of the decision not to go through with the 2007 program.

Professor Luis Vivanco, a cultural anthropologist and the



(Marielle Ludwig/Vermont Cynic)

Students question study abroad in the recently uprising city of Oaxaca.

academic director of the Study Abroad Program in Oaxaca, believes that the next two months are vital in the decision whether or not to go ahead with the trip. During that time, there is expected to be renewed tensions as the APPO regroups itself in the city. But, "with the trend clearly moving toward normality, we expect the 2008 program to run" Vivanco said.

Currently there is a travel warning in effect issued by the U.S. State Department for the region of Oaxaca, but in the mildest form. The warning dissuades tourists from participating in political marches, especially because it is illegal for foreigners to participate in

protests in Mexico, but does not forbid travel in any way.

During the protests, the Oaxaca tourism market took a giant plunge. Now, as the situation calms, foreigners are beginning to appear in the streets. Even during the protests, the visitors who were already in the area reported no difficulties.

In fact, a student group from SUNY Plattsburg who were in Oaxaca during the most violent times have not cancelled their program for 2007. The general feeling by the Plattsburg group and Vivanco is that the violence is not directed at visitors.

Although tourists are not

the targets of the violence, some danger still exists, as is evident by two major incidents that occurred during the five month protest.

One incident resulted in the death of American journalist Brad Will, who was shot while filming the events.

The second is the incarceration of UVM student Hillary Lowenberg. While in Oaxaca during the protests, Lowenberg, along with two of her companions, were jailed for 31 hours and charged with defacing private property and inciting others to do so - an uncorroborated accusation.

Lowenberg believes that the University needs to have precautions in place in case something does go wrong, and that there needs to be a way to get a student out of trouble in a dangerous situation.

Right now, it is too early to decide whether or not the 2008 trip should continue. The city is currently recovering from a massive political protest that shook the entire region and, as with any area faced with such an event, it is beginning to slowly pick itself back up.

What occurs during the next two months is incredibly important, not just for the future of the 2008 trip, but for the people of Oaxaca, and the University plans to keep a close eye on the events as they unfold.

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## DOUGLAS

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tion of troops is a step in the right direction.

"I said more than a year ago that I think we have to find a way to extricate ourselves from our involvement there. Instinctively it doesn't seem that a surge in force strength will move towards that goal. If more troops are committed, I hope I'm wrong," Douglas said.

Bush said in his address that, "to step back now would force a collapse in the Iraqi government...Such a scenario would result in our troops being forced to stay in Iraq even

longer."

He also said that if we increase our support now, American troops would be able to start coming home sooner.

"Many Americans, including a lot of Vermonters, have served honorably...and have made many tremendous contributions to help the Iraqi people," Douglas said.

The president mentioned the "strong commitment" that the Iraqi government has made to deploying more Iraqi army and national police brigades in Baghdad. Douglas is

not opposed to this part of the plan.

"Their armed forces and police agencies need to assume responsibility for security, I think that is the most important objective now," Douglas said. "I was over there last spring and saw some of the police training activities at a facility outside Baghdad. That has to be accelerated so that [the Iraqi government] can assume more responsibility."

Although openly against the new strategy to send more troops, Douglas feels that there have already been victo-

ries in Iraq.

"Some success has occurred already. The Iraqi people adopted a constitution, they elected a parliament in free and open elections, they have a government that's been formed with multiple parties—so those are important steps towards self-governance and freedom, but there needs to be some stability in the country," he said.

Douglas agrees with the end suggested in the new strategy, but feels that the means (sending more troops) are not justified - or at least not the

right path to take.

"More security and stability, reduction in the insurgency and the sectarian violence. I think that those are the objectives that everyone would like to see reached," he said.

Douglas said that his public opposition to the new strategy does not conflict with his Republican Party affiliation.

"A number of congressional Republicans have expressed their opposition to it," he said. "One issue certainly doesn't affect an overall political affiliation."

## VETERANS

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promises and that students feel they need to go to the military to get an education," Co-President of Students for Peace and Global Justice Sam Maron said.

"ROTC makes it possible for people to get a good education. With Iraq it is easy to lose sight of the fact that we need soldiers in this country. I don't think we should be there, but in 20 years we would be worse off if we just left now. It's easier said than done," said Ben Gutteridge, a UVM participant in ROTC.

UVM Professor Helen Scott spoke at Friday's anti-

war demonstration, saying that the war "has a devastating effect because students are living in a war economy. I think it makes students fear for the future."

Whether UVM students support or oppose the War in Iraq, many will see the conflict first hand as members of the U.S. armed forces.

"It is a sad thing to think that it is the 18- to 25-year-olds who are pulling the trigger. I was just a kid. I still am a kid," Cameron said to a standing ovation during the anti-war demonstration's closing moments.

## CONSTRUCTION

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In order to create easy access to the Davis Center for students living on Redstone pathway will lead into a structure called the South Lobby, Vaughan said. Students may have noticed this structure, which is currently being constructed on the southern side of Main Street, opposite the Davis Center.

Upon entering the heated South Lobby, students can access the tunnel to cross under Main Street and into the Davis Center.

The new sustainable tunnel is being fitted out with glass paneling, air conditioning and heating options, and will "remind people of walking through an airport," Vaughan explained.

The tunnel will lead into the lowest level of the Davis Center, which will house student services, a Catcard office, a bank, a convenience

store, a computer depot, a recreation area, Brennan's Pub and Bistro, and possibly a subsidiary of the Health and Wellbeing Center, Vaughan said.

The Davis Center will have a "phased opening," with a two level bookstore being the first to move in this May, according to Vaughan. This summer, student offices and student life will be moving in, and the "great movement" will occur throughout June, July and August, Vaughan said.

"The goal is to have it open and up and running when students move back in next fall [2007]," Vaughan said.

If you have been wondering what the box-like structure being built on the green between Lafayette, Cook Commons, and Angell is, Vaughan has an explanation. The box is being built to enclose cooling towers. The towers will run chilled

water to buildings such as the Davis Center, Bailey Howe and possibly Given Medical Center, thereby providing air conditioning.

The box will be completed in a couple of weeks, and construction of the towers is well underway, according to Vaughan.

Though all the construction on Central Campus green has led to a redirecting of the bus routes and student traffic, Vaughan said the area will be cleared of machinery by the end of the semester. New steam lines and cooling water lines are being placed underground, which has led to a mass of trucks, fences and materials covering CBW green.

No schedule or design has been made for the renovation of Billings into a center for Holocaust Studies, though Vaughan confirms that they "do have a concept."

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## The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"Americans are fortunate to have the best health care system in the world."

-President George W. Bush, Jan. 20, 2007, National Radio Address



# Fire and Brimstone Big Biz Cashes in as Climate Changes

Opinion Editorial - Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

I arrived back in Burlington on Jan. fifth and the temperature was pushing 60 degrees, a record high. Despite the recent snowfall - we cannot continue to ignore the signs of global warming.

When the BBC asked George W. Bush why he refuses to sign the Kyoto Protocol (an international treaty to lower carbon emissions that has been ratified by 165 nations in order to stop global warming) he simply replied: "The Kyoto treaty would have wrecked our economy, if I can be blunt."

Well Mr. President, which economy are we talking about, yours and Exxon Mobil's?

Unless Mr. Bush was truly blunted, I can assure you he was not referencing Vermont's economy.

In its 2005 final report, the Vermont Department of Tourism (VDT) released that between 2003 and 2007 the tourism industry in Vermont will suffer a per-year revenue loss of \$282 million, or a decline of 8 percent. This waning industry is due in large part to the negative impact that climate change has had throughout the region.

The travel industry remains one of the more important sectors in the Vermont economy according to the VDT. Out of the 17 major economic sectors in Vermont, travel always ranks in the top five.

Would you buy a winter time-share at a mountain resort where it's 55 degrees and raining in mid-January?

I think not.

Resort communities, which absorb 85 percent of travel commerce, are in serious jeopardy, and that spells disaster for the Vermont economy. Money spent in and around resort communities is intricately tied with Vermont's economic infrastructure, and its success or failure has a direct ripple effect on all aspects of financial health in the state.

The VDT reports that tourism generates over \$182 million in tax revenue for Vermont each year. The loss of that tax money leaves less funding for things like education and health care.

The potential revenue loss for rural communities such as Vermont (hundreds of millions of dollars) does not matter to people like Bush when it comes time to sign environmental protection measures like the Kyoto Protocol. All our leaders care about are the profit margins for corporations - and it's shameful.

In the 2000 presidential elections Exxon Mobil spent over \$7 million supporting candidates and legislation that opposed the Kyoto Proto-

col and supported a National Energy Strategy that has increased our reliance on oil.

In exchange for its investment, Exxon Mobil has benefited from more than \$5 billion in taxpayer money spent building the Chad-Cameroon oil pipeline, and also for oil field development loans in western Siberia and northern Russia, where oil will be sold back to U.S. consumers at prices high enough to gouge the marginal interest rate and turn a hefty profit for private and state-owned Russian businesses like Gazprom.

In the long run it won't really matter because it won't be the high price of energy that will cause the most damage.

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It is only a matter of time before the delicate equilibrium of human sustainability on this planet is thrown into an extinction level event more devastating than the one caused by the permafrost warming that triggered the Permian-Triassic extinction 250-million-years ago.

A recent study published in Science found that ocean warming is causing the Siberian and Alaskan permafrosts to melt, releasing methane into the atmosphere at an alarming rate.

This could potentially lead to 500 gigatons of carbon evaporating from the permafrost into the atmosphere if warming does not stop.

This much carbon would disrupt the global thermohaline circulation causing droughts and monsoons of biblical proportions.

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Once the Amazon is converted into a McDonald's factory farm and enough of the ocean plankton has been destroyed by shifting ocean currents, there will be nothing left in the biosphere to complete the photosynthesis cycle that controls atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.

From there it is anyone's guess which way the Earth's climate will shift. The greenhouse effect will either scorch us off the planet, or propel the planet into a massive ice age. Either way, we're screwed if something is not done to stop human induced climate change.

Climate change is an issue that must transcend the political divide. Republicans need to acknowledge the problem and democrats need to stop pointing fingers and start passing legislation.

Big business and a booming economy can exist in a world of environmental stewardship. As long as our elected officials are willing to pass the appropriate regulatory legislation we can avoid the impending doomsday scenarios.

## Letter to the Editor

### 1984 Op-Ed is Liberal Nonsense

As one of the few conservative voices at UVM, I would like to respond to Stephen Hausmann's "1984" commentary.

If you seriously believe that "Big Brother" is controlling all media outlets and information that the public receives, you have obviously been living in a cave for the past century. All major news networks (with the exception of Fox News) and press are headed by ultra left-wing liberals like Ted Turner. CNN (aka Clinton News Network), CBS, NBC and ABC all carry heavily liberal biased reports and *The New York Times* is probably the most blatant example in print.

If you really wanted to see a government that controls everything that the public sees, maybe you should have moved to Iraq before we took out Saddam Hussein. (Oh, wait. You just made an argument for going into Iraq).

Making the statement that the "U.S. is illegally monitoring its own citizens" is glaring hypocrisy in itself. Where were all of these whiny liberals when Congressman Mark Foley's instant messages and e-mails with a congressional page were being (or not being) monitored?

You also say that, "perhaps the most terrifying thing to happen to America in my 19-years is this blatant disregard for the U.S. Constitution." That is probably one of the most anti-American, unpatriotic, idiotic things I have ever heard.

As I recall, the most terrifying incident in the past 19 years was September 11th, but you, like most liberals, have forgotten the horrific events of that day all together.

In the Preamble to the Constitution, the founding fathers stated, among other things, that it is the duty of the U.S. government to provide for the common defense of its people. I do not understand why you and many others believe that we should be restricting our intelligence organizations from gathering information that could possibly prevent another attack on U.S. soil.

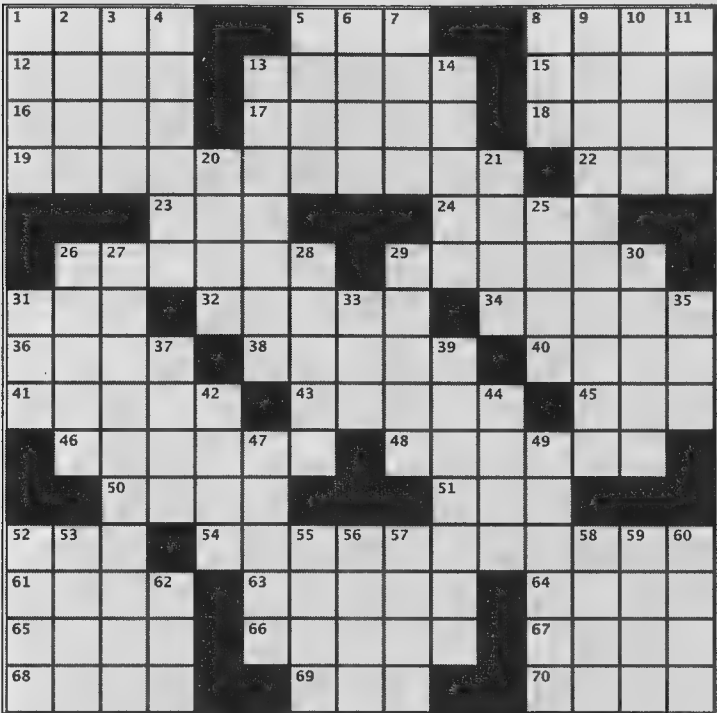
Basically, all of the propagandized statements you made in your commentary are exactly what is wrong with left-wing America. Liberals consistently make outlandish statements such as yours, because these statements eliminate the need for new information and simplify one's life. Liberals prey on those desperate to conform to a "majority opinion."

Their statements give people a certain satisfaction in filling their appetite for something that makes them feel like they have actually formed their own opinion about something. Stephen, do a service for your country and move to France.

- CARA MOREFIELD,  
CLASS OF 2007



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- Across**
- 1- Not so much
  - 5- Gear tooth
  - 8- Church recess
  - 12- Capital of Norway
  - 13- Was able
  - 15- La Scala solo
  - 16- London jail
  - 17- Old Testament book
  - 18- Strikes
  - 19- Oversee
  - 22- Open mesh fabric
  - 23- Brooks, filmmaker responsible for "Blazing Saddles"
  - 24- Gator's kin
  - 26- Excellently
  - 29- Directed a course
  - 31- Hair goop
  - 32- Sierra
  - 34- Burrowing animals
  - 36- Long fish
  - 38- Affairs of honor
  - 40- Hay stack
  - 41- Prepares for publication
  - 43- One of the Leeward Islands
  - 45- Negative vote
  - 46- "Hogan's Heroes" setting
  - 48- Vigor
  - 50- Watched intently
  - 51- Bruce, was a famous kung-fu movie star
  - 52- Rocky hilltop
  - 54- Respectful
  - 61- Exclamation to express sorrow
  - 63- Skin openings
  - 64- Hindu music
  - 65- Pleasing
  - 66- Roman garments
  - 67- Elderly, matured
  - 68- Spanish painter
  - 69- Golden, in France
  - 70- A pitcher may take one

- Down**
- 1- Records
  - 2- Name of Isaac's eldest son in the Bible
  - 3- Swill
  - 4- Mirthless
  - 5- Masked critter
  - 6- Expel
  - 7- Exultation
  - 8- Exclamation of surprise
  - 9- Minor prince
  - 10- Word that can succeed building, web or burial
  - 11- Bridge seat
  - 13- Cold
  - 14- Move rhythmically
  - 20- Winder for holding flexible material
  - 21- Small drink
  - 25- Smell or fragrance
  - 26- Eats
  - 27- State of being illiterate
  - 28- Juvenescent
  - 29- Ax handle
  - 30- Rot
  - 31- "Fancy that!"
  - 33- Word used to precede a woman's maiden name
  - 35- What's up
  - 37- Remain
  - 39- Pure
  - 42- Hill toy
  - 44- Observed
  - 47- Proficient
  - 49- Posterior
  - 52- Strong taste
  - 53- Potpourri
  - 55- Nourishment
  - 56- Therefore
  - 57- Back
  - 58- Villainous character in Shakespeare's "Othello"
  - 59- Matures
  - 60- Scottish boys
  - 62- Large body of water

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  - Dash of adobo

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Rinse chickens and pat dry. Place chicken in a shallow roasting pan, skin side up. In a small bowl, combine the lemon juice, oil, garlic, salt, sage and adobo. Brush mixture on the chicken breasts.

Bake for 35 minutes or until chicken is tender and no longer pink. Baste the chicken twice with the lemon and garlic mixture.



# Sports

## Catch up with the Cats

While the University was busy relaxing and ringing in the new year, Catamount athletes had plenty to do

### Men's Hockey

The 14th ranked UVM Men's Ice Hockey team fought through a myriad of blowouts, tough losses and a tie to run their overall season record to 12-8-2 (7-4-2 Hockey East).

The Cats opened the break on Dec. 16 by bulldozing over St. Lawrence 4-0. Junior Torrey Mitchell's first period shorthanded goal proved to be the game winner as goaltender Joe Fallon's 31 saves blanked the Saints for his 14th career shutout.

On Dec. 29, the host Cats opened the Sheraton/TD Banknorth Catamount Cup with a 3-0 plastering of Rensselaer in front of the Gut's 46th consecutive sellout crowd. Sophomore Corey Carlson picked up a pair of power play goals in support of Fallon's 21 stops. Despite Fallon's superb goaltending, earning Hockey East Player of the Week honors on 12/18, the Cats fell to #6 St. Cloud State 4-2 in the Catamount Cup final on Dec. 30. Carlson and sophomore Peter Lenex scored the lone Catamount goals.

The Cats opened 2007 with a thud, falling to #4 UNH 7-1 on Jan. 5. Freshman Colin Vock scored for UVM. In the rematch, UNH edged the Cats again, 2-1 on Jan. 6. Fallon finished with 25 saves as Vock recorded his second goal in two games.

UVM wrapped up the break with a pair of contests against Northeastern. On Jan. 12, the Cats battled the Huskies to a 2-2 draw. Sophomore Dean Strong and freshman Viktor Stalberg scored for the Cats as Fallon made 12 stops. On Jan. 13, the Cats shutout the Huskies 3-0. Mitchell netted a pair of goals in support of Fallon's school record 16th career shutout.

-JOSH APPELBAUM



**NEXT GAME:**  
Saturday Jan. 27 vs.  
Merrimack @ 7 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Vermont's women's basketball team went an impressive 7-1 over the winter break, before losing their first conference game Wednesday to Albany 62-59. UVM now stands at 13-4 overall and 3-1 in America East placing them in a tie for second with Hartford.

UVM piled up wins against Manhattan, Kent State, Northeastern, Sienna, Boston University, Hartford and Maine. Their lone loss came to South Florida in the opening round of the Hawk Classic at St. Joseph's University on Dec. 28.

The Lady Cats were able to defeat Northeastern in the Consolation game 55-47 to capture third place in the tournament. Vermont was led by freshman Courtney Pilypaitis who scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for her first career triple-double,



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Catamount fans, as seen from the zamboni between periods during Friday night's 3-2 win over 7th-ranked BC.

and another freshman May Kotsopoulos also scored 12 and snagged seven rebounds.

Vermont rang in the New Year with an impressive win over Sienna 75-56. The Catamounts were lead by a career high 22 point effort from Pilypaitis and also great play off the bench from sophomore Kelli Poles who added 10 points and grabbed six boards. Sophomore Sy Janousek added 11 points, three rebounds and two assists.

Senior Brittney Cross added six points, four assists, and two steals over the break to make her the seventh Catamount in history with 500 points, 200 rebounds, 200 assists and 150 steals.

Courtney Pilypaitis was recently named America East Rookie of the Week for the fourth straight week and sixth time overall, breaking the previous UVM record of five in one season.

Andrea Cihal leads the team with 14 blocks this season. Cross leads the team with 67 steals. Pilypaitis leads the team in scoring with 14.5 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game and 76 assists.

-NICK DECARO



**NEXT GAME:**  
Thursday Jan. 25  
vs. Hartford @ 7 p.m.

### Women's Hockey

Vermont women's hockey struggled on the ice over the winter break. The team went 1-6, defeating the University of Connecticut Huskies 3-2 on Jan. 4. The Lady Cat's fell to Boston College, facing shutouts on both Jan. 12 and 13.

Vermont started off the vacation with two losses at Minnesota State, but pulled out a win against UConn.

Junior Caroline Donahue and sophomore Jessica Murphy both scored their first goals of the season in the game against the Huskies.

Junior Karen Sentoff's third period power-play goal was her third goal of the season and lifted the Catamounts to a 3-2 win. Sentoff was named

Student Athlete of the Week on Jan. 8.

Junior goalie Jenilee Roy finished the UConn game with 23 saves and a .907 save percentage. She was named ITech Hockey East Goaltender of the Month for December.

On Dec. 2, the Catamounts lost to New Hampshire 5-0; however, Roy made a career high 49 saves, which was the most in a Hockey East Game this season.

The Cat's wrapped up the break with three losses. Providence blanked Vermont 7-0 on Jan. 6. Vermont then went on to play Boston College, who defeated them 7-0 and 5-0 to sweep the series and hand UVM their third shutout loss in a row.

The Cats are 3-17-2 overall and 1-9-1 in Hockey East and will travel to Maine, Boston College and Providence before returning to Gutterson Fieldhouse on Feb. 10.

-KAT WILLIAMS



**NEXT GAME:**  
Saturday Jan. 27  
vs. BC @ 2 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

The Vermont men's basketball team had a successful winter break with only one loss out of their eight games, improving to 12-5 on the season and 4-0 in America East play.

The Cats battled Harvard on Dec. 17 and fell to the Crimson 84-76 in overtime, but bounced back to beat Dartmouth for the 300 win at Patrick Gym on Dec. 21. Six Catamounts recorded more than seven points and held a 50.0 shot percentage from the floor.

Sophomore Mike Trimboli recorded 24 points and seven assists in the Dec. 23 game against Quinnipiac University. Freshman Joe Trapani had a career-high 25 points and six rebounds within 29 minutes of play to help lift Vermont to a 101-87 victory. Vermont bested Central Connecticut State

University with a win of 55-48 to close out 2006.

To win the America East opener against Stony Brook, Trimboli netted 21 points, seven rebounds, six assists and five steals as senior Chris Holm posted 14 points and nine boards of his own. Trapani scored a game high 23 points to end the contest 80-69 for the Cats.

A last minute three-point-er from freshman Marqus Blakely lifted Vermont to victory over New Hampshire in America East play on Jan. 9. The Wildcats held an early 13-2 lead just four minutes into the game, but the Catamounts managed a victory to improve to 2-0 in the conference.

The Catamounts rounded out the winter recess with a pair of wins against UMBC in which Vermont shot a season high 60.4 percent from the floor, and against Albany in front of a sellout crowd at Patrick Gym.

-JOANNA BENJAMIN



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(Jan. 23-29)

## Wednesday (1.24)

Women's Basketball vs. Stony Brook (7pm)

## Thursday (1.25)

Men's Basketball @ Hartford (7pm)

## Friday (1.26)

Men's Hockey @ Merrimack (7pm)

Skiing @ New Hampshire Carnival (9am)

Track @ Boston U. (4pm)

Men's Hockey @ Merrimack (7pm)

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## Saturday (1.27)

Men's Hockey @ Merrimack (7pm)

Women's Basketball vs. UNH (1pm)

Women's Hockey @ BC (1pm)

Skiing @ New Hampshire Carnival (9am)

Swimming vs. Providence 12pm

## Sunday (1.28)

Men's Basketball @ Stony Brook (2pm)

## RESULTS (1.16-1.21)

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

13-6 (5-1 A-East)

Last Week:

Thurs. vs. Maine	Loss
Maine	36-33 = 69
Vermont	41-23 = 64
Sun. @ Binghamton	Win
Vermont	34-31 = 65
Binghamton	29-32 = 61

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

13-5 (3-2 A-East)

Last Week:

@ Albany	Loss
UVM	28-31 = 59
Albany	29-33 = 62
@ Binghamton	Loss
UVM	20-35 = 55
Binghamton	29-35 = 64

## MEN'S HOCKEY

14-8-2 (9-4-2 Hockey East)

Last Week:

Fri. vs. BC	Win
BC	1-0-1 = 2
UVM	1-2-0 = 3
Sat. vs. BC	Win
BC	0-1-1 = 2
UVM	2-1-1 = 4

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

3-18-2 (1-10-1 Hockey East)

Last Week:

Sat. @ Maine	Loss
UVM	0-0-0 = 0
Maine	1-1-1 = 3

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

10-5 (3-1 A-East)

Last Week:

Sat. @ Stony Brook	Win
UVM	162
Stony Brook	129
Sun. @ N'earstern	Loss
UVM	128
N'earstern	167

## SKIING

Fri./Sat. @ St. Michael's Carnival

Dartmouth	697
UVM	686
Middlebury	679
UNH	576
Bates	512
Williams	486
SLU	427
Colby	387
St. Michael's	206
Bowdoin	126
UMPI	55
Clarkson	32



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## Winning ways and now a broken foot

The streak was the buzzword until Thursday. Riding their most successful stretch since the fabled 2004-05 season, the men's basketball team came back down to earth in their contest with Maine.

The Black Bears' Kevin Reed was the cold-hearted culprit at the scene in Patrick Gym. His ridiculous, off-balance, banked three-pointer with 40 seconds left added insult to injury for the Catamounts, even though it only put Maine up by three.

The injury I'm talking about wasn't the loss of the game so much as the loss of leading scorer Joe Trapani, who went down in the first half and did not return to play. *The Burlington Free Press* reported Saturday that Trapani had indeed suffered a broken foot during Thursday's loss.

As if dealing with the brunt of their America East schedule isn't enough, the Cats now have to go without Trapani's considerable talents for the next four to six weeks.

Ouch, and ouch.

The team that got to Thursday with a nifty 12-5 record, one that beat 14th-ranked BC in November, looked like completely different teams with Trapani and without. Now the question is: can they rebound?

The clever answer to that is yes; Lonergan's club has been rebounding well all season. However, like it or not, Trapani's foot is no missed jumper and the real answer to my question is still up in the air.

The Cats are still young, but no longer the youngest team in the country. The majority of the team have been able to perform beyond their years because the team as a unit has appeared remarkably cohesive. The team that started the game Thursday night looked comfortable, collected, mature.

The team that played the second half of Thursday's game had, oddly enough, the same names and faces but a much different appearance. Once again, Maine managed to get a win against a superior Vermont team (see: 2003-04 and 2004-05).

While credit lies with the Black Bears' long-range shooting and their solid defense (the Cats shot only 27 percent from the field in the second half) some certainly lies in Joe Trapani's cast covering his left foot.

So back to the question at hand: can the Catamounts rebound from the dual losses of Thursday's game and play like the same team that just reeled off seven wins in a row?

While they probably won't win another seven in a row, who's to put it past them? Anybody with foresight such that he or she could accurately predict a 12-5 record through their first 17 games should get the naming rights to Patrick Gym.

Basketball still remains a team sport, and this UVM team has already proven its mettle. Losing Trapani, while bitter, is far from fatal for this squad.

## Seven-game winning streak snapped

Maine comes from behind in the final four minutes of play to top the Cats 69-64

By NICK DECARO

Cynic Correspondent

The University of Vermont's Men's basketball team fell 69-64 Thursday night at Patrick Gymnasium to America East foe Maine.

Maine ended the game on a 13-2 run over the final three and a half minutes, capped by an off the backboard three pointer by Kevin Reed, giving the Black Bears a 67-64 lead. Two foul shots in the final seconds iced the game for Maine. With the win, Maine improves to 8-11 overall and 3-4 in America East.

The loss is Vermont's first in America East play, and snaps a seven game winning streak, which dated back to December 17 when Harvard defeated the Catamounts in overtime. UVM now stands at 12-6 overall and 4-1 in America East.

The Catamounts started out strong jumping out to an early lead 23-18, thanks to strong play from senior Chris Holm and freshman Marqus Blakely. Holm recorded a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds, while Blakely added seven points and six boards.

Maine countered with a 7-0 run to take their first lead of the game. Sophomore Mike Trimboli sparked the Catamounts into the half scoring 13 of his 17 points in the first period, and helped grab a 41-36 lead. He added three rebounds and two steals.

The Black Bears tightened up the defense in the second half holding Vermont to 26.9 percent from the floor. Maine came out strong in the second half and climbed back into the contest to set up a thrilling finish.

Sophomore Colin McIntosh scored a team high 18 points for Vermont and gave the Cats a nice spark off the bench. The Catamounts were able to go on a 7-0 run with 3:27 to go in the game, which was capped by a McIntosh three, giving UVM a 62-56 lead.



Marqus Blakely (23) dunks in Thursday night's matchup against Maine. Blakely recorded seven points and six boards.

Maine's Kevin Reed, who scored 18 points for the Black Bears, sunk back-to-back three pointers to tie the game at 62-62. With 1:11 remaining, Junior Bernal drained a jumper to give Maine the lead, but Trimboli countered on the other end with a nice move to the hole and a lay up.

Reed then hit an unbelievable three-pointer off the glass with 40 seconds left to give the Black Bears the lead for good, snapping UVM's win streak.

"Kyle (Cieplicki) was doing a pretty good job on Kevin Reed, but he just hit a tough shot at the end and I give Maine credit for giving it to the right guy down the stretch," said Vermont head coach Mike Lonergan. "We will learn from tonight's loss."

The Catamounts hit the road for their next three games before returning to Patrick Gymnasium to take on New Hampshire on January 31 at 7 pm.

(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)



# Freshman Shreds East Coast



Member of the UVM Snowboard Team, John Murphy, shown here at Smuggler's Notch, was chosen to be on the cover of *East Coast Snowboarding* magazine. He placed first at the United States of America Snowboard Association (USASA) Slopestyle at Stowe on Jan. 6 and made the finals at the Peanut Butter and Rail Jam at Waterville Valley, N.H. on Jan. 13.

(Jake Grossman-Crist/  
UVM Snowboard Team)

## #14 Men's Hockey Sweeps #7 BC

A 3-2 win on Friday night coupled with a 4-2 victory on Saturday night give Cats four points in Hockey East standings.

By JOSH APPELBAUM

*Cynic Correspondent*

The last time the University of Vermont Men's Ice Hockey team defeated Boston College, George Foreman was the heavyweight champion of the world and Weezer had just released their debut album. A lot has changed since 1994, as evidenced by the Cats' recent weekend sweep of the #7 Eagles.

In front of the 50th and 51st consecutive sellout crowds at Gutterson Fieldhouse, the Cats shocked the perennial Hockey East superpower Eagles from Boston College with a pair of heart-stopping upsets.

With Friday's controversial 3-2 nail-biting win and Saturday's complete 4-2 victory, the Cats improved their overall season record to 14-8-2 (9-4-2 Hockey East) and reasserted themselves as a serious playoff contender.

In Friday's opener, BC jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead, scoring just 63 seconds into the contest. However, the Cats evened the score with just under a minute remaining in the first period.

On the power play, sophomore Corey Carlson one-timed a beautiful cross-ice feed from senior Ryan Gunderson past Eagle netminder Cory Schneider. Carlson, taking a slick pass from sophomore Peter Lenes, capitalized on



Freshman Victor Stalberg (18) cruises past a BC defender during Saturday night's game. Stalberg scored an empty-net goal with three seconds left in the game.

(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

another Eagle penalty at 8:45 of the second to take a 2-1 lead.

The Cats struck again before the conclusion of the second period. Playing four on four, freshman Brayden

Irwin won a key faceoff back to junior assistant captain Mark Lutz, who set up junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell's ninth goal of the year for a 3-1 lead.

Taking advantage of a four

on three power play early in the third, BC clawed back to pull within one at 3-2.

Controversy erupted with nearly four minutes left when BC freshman Matt Lombardi appeared to tie the score.

However, referee Scott Hansen disallowed the goal, ruling that Lombardi batted the puck in with a high stick. Fallon made the 3-2 score stick, finishing with 25 saves in a game riddled with 55 minutes of penalties.

"To gut out a one goal game against these guys is something the team should feel really proud of," Vermont head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

On Saturday, the Cats took an early 1-0 lead when Irwin deflected a Gunderson slapper from the point for his third tally on the season at 5:35 of the first. With just 23 seconds left in the opening stanza, Mitchell doubled the lead for UVM on a breakaway goal. Set up by an ankle-breaking combination of Gordon Bombay dekes, Mitchell undressed the BC netminder's glove side for his 10th strike of the year.

At 6:53 of the second, Irwin gave the Cats a seemingly commanding 3-0 lead. However, BC's Ben Smith quickly answered back, putting the Eagles on the board at 7:51 of the second and cutting the deficit to 3-1.

Nearly 20 seconds into the third, BC struck again as sophomore Brock Bradford's backhand off a rebound escaped Fallon to make it 3-2. Luckily for the raucous, yellow t-shirt clad Catamount crowd, Fallon would not be beat again, finishing with 27 saves.

A Victor Stalberg empty-net-goal with just three seconds left iced the contest for the Cats.

"This was a total team effort tonight and certainly all weekend," Sneddon said. "Our fans were phenomenal this weekend and certainly gave us that lift when we needed it."



## A Vigil for Michelle



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Students gather on the main green on Sunday in remembrance of Michelle Gardner-Quinn whose birthday was the 28th. From left: Julia Martin, Hannah Sylvester, and Keri Johnson.

This Sunday, students, faculty and members of the community gathered to honor what would have been Michelle Gardner-Quinn's 22nd birthday with a candlelight vigil on the UVM green.

The vigil was one of several held around the country, sponsored by friends and family of Gardner-Quinn.

Although almost four months have passed since her death, Gardner-Quinn's friends and family are making her absence known by holding numerous events to honor Michelle and raise awareness of violence against women.

-Adam Briere '10

## Mock Shooter Takes Waterman

University Police, working with other agencies, stage a hostage situation in campus building as part of a practice drill

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
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Before students returned for the second semester, UVM Chief of Police Gary Margolis and University of Vermont Police services initiated an exercise to test the effectiveness of police services against a shooter on campus.

The exercise occurred Jan. 8 at the Waterman Administration building. Margolis brought relevant groups in, such as the Burlington Police Department and the Vermont State Police's Tactical Service Unit to assist in the exercise and gain training.

Exercises, such as the one held on Jan. 8, are planned and implemented to test the security and safety of the

University of Vermont, and also to practice for crisis situations on campus.

"They are emergencies and crises because they are outside reality. You're never quite prepared, but I think we are as prepared as we can be. However, you're never quite sure who is going to show up," said Margolis on the effectiveness of the exercise.

The exercise took place in two stages.

The first stage tested the capability of the first responders to react to a shooter. "Police officers are always the first contact," Margolis said.

UVM and Burlington Police coordinated their activities in the first stage of the exercise to effectively train as first responders to the actions of a shooter.

UVM and Burlington Police services then handed command over to the Tactical Service Unit for the second stage of the exercise, which centered upon the shooter moving to the President's conference room. According to Margolis, the Tactical Service Unit was invited to the exercise to gain

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## Drunk Bus Sobers Up



(Laura Pedro/Vermont Cynic)

Students climb aboard the off-campus bus Saturday night, in a scene that is not as crowded as it used to be.

UVM transportation changes late night bus service by adding another off-campus bus and tightening security

By LAURA PEDRO  
Senior Staff Writer

It's 11:00 on Saturday night and well over 50 freezing students have congregated in front of Wing-Davis-Wilks dorm. No it's not a protest — they're anxiously waiting for the off-campus bus.

As the lights of the bus come around the corner, the scene turns to chaos as students rush at the bus to acquire a spot on the magic carpet that will bring them downtown.

For those students who get pushed aside or trampled and don't make it onto the bus, there're in luck. Another off-campus bus will be arriving in 15 minutes to bring them to their Saturday night destination.

The department of parking and transportation has renovated the Friday and Saturday night bus schedule

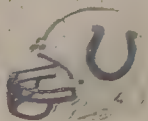
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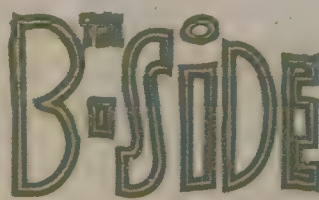
Barack Obama made it to Ira Allen, will he make it to the Oval Office?

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The other side of the news: Demetri Martin, hookups v. relationships and tunes reviewed



# Names and Faces in 2008 Race for Presidency



Just six of the announced and anticipated contestants in the 2008 presidential race, clockwise from top left: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards, Rudolph Giuliani, John McCain and Duncan Hunter.

## Barely into 2007, there are already several candidates for the 2008 campaign, with more sure to come

By NOAH STAUM

Staff Writer

For what is supposed to be a four-year term as president of the U.S., 2008 election candidates have already started gearing up and campaigning for the job — over a year beforehand.

As President Bush finishes his second term, he leaves the seat wide open for the 2008 election.

So far seven Democratic politicians have filed their statements of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission (FEC). They include: Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, Senator Hillary R. Clinton of New York, former Senator John Edwards of N. Carolina, Representative Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, former Governor Tom Vilsack of Iowa, Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico and former Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska, according to the FEC Web site.

Vice President of the UVM College Democrats Eddy Foster said that as far as their club members go, "Everybody has diverse favorites right now. Some people like Edwards, some people like Obama.

"I'm not certain if anyone actually likes Hillary Clinton, but it's a possibility."

Barack Obama, a Senator from Illinois, has not yet filed a statement of candidacy with the FEC, but has formed an exploratory committee.

If either Obama or Clinton is elected, he or she would be the first African-American or female President in history, respectively.

"Race doesn't matter to me," UVM College Republicans President Heather Baldyga said. "Whoever the best candidate is should win ... I think it'd be great for the diversity of the country, for sure."

As for the Republican Party, former Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, former Governor Jim Gilmore of Virginia, former Governor Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, Senator John McCain of Arizona and Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas have filed their statements of candidacy, according to the FEC Web site.

Several others have formed exploratory committees.

Foster does not think that Americans will elect another Republican president after eight "disastrous" years with Bush.

Baldyga, who is "not too much of a fan at all" of President Bush, said that the association people make between Republicans and Bush will hurt the party's candidates in

this election.

"A lot of people are just uninformed and they just think, 'oh, the president is Republican so anyone else that's Republican is like him,'" she said. "I feel like too many people are like that — I get a lot of stuff for being Republican."

Baldyga, a Massachusetts native, supports Romney although she said that McCain is the frontrunner for the party.

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**-UVM College Republicans President Heather Baldyga**

"He did a good job in Massachusetts, so he'd be good for the country," she said.

Although not focused on one candidate or even one political party, Foster and Baldyga do have three things that they do agree on concerning the election, the three biggest issues candidates will be talking about.

Both mentioned Iraq, health care and what President Bush recently called "global climate change," in his seventh State of the Union address, as the biggest issues

in this election, though Foster said that there is a small possibility that Iraq won't be on the top of the list.

"If we're still in Iraq, Iraq is probably going to be one of the top issues," he said, "If by some miracle of God we're not in Iraq by then, which somehow I don't think is going to happen, then it probably won't be. It'll still be an issue, it just might not be the biggest issue."

Baldyga mentioned another important issue—one that candidates won't be arguing about.

"There are a lot of young people out there that still aren't voting," she said. "They'll complain about things but they don't go out and vote."

Foster has his advice for college students who do make the trip to the polls on Election Day.

"Look into who has your best interest at heart. As college students, you should be aware of the effect your loans are going to have on you, the way social policy is going to effect you in the future," he said.

"Republicans under the last congress raised the rates on student aid and all sorts of stuff that directly effects us, and as soon as the new Democratic congress convened they slashed college interest rates in half. So who's looking out for the college student?"

## UVM Awarded for Energy Saving Efforts

By LAURA VILBERT

Staff Writer

The University of Vermont's Physical Plant was recognized with a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and Pollution Prevention for their Energy Efficiency Programs.

"This is quite an honor for UVM and its energy conservation efforts. I am very proud to be part of this team," said Richard Wolbach, energy management engineer for the Physical Plant.

"The requirements for the award include: economic efficiency, ability of the program or activity to serve as a model for other efforts, level of commitment and leadership in waste reduction and pollution prevention, use of innovative approaches, techniques, and technologies, health and safety benefits, and benefits to the environment," Wolbach said.

The centralized building controls program is one of the completed projects at UVM.

According to the Physical Plant Web site, the large campus buildings at UVM are controlled by a centralized control system at the campus heating plant. The temperature and ventilation on the buildings are controlled through time and scheduling programs with specific set points.

UVM's hockey rink is also energy efficient, according to the Physical Plant's Web site. The ice rink uses a filtration system that removes 95 percent of the impurities in the water used to make the rink ice. Entire ice thickness can be reduced to approximately .5 inches to 1 inch, using less water in ice formation and rink maintenance.

Another new program, according to the Physical Plant's website, is the new IPAC Cooling System installed to uphold a consistent cooling method. The IPAC system also uses less water and electricity than the old system. The IPAC Cooling System recycles the water and is re-used to cool the pumps.

The Web site also states that other environmental improvements include: new water efficient washing machines, the energy efficient mini-fridges sold at the UVM Bookstore, sleep mode software for computers, a University-wide lighting change to energy efficient fluorescent bulbs and new shower heads that limit water expenditure.

The Physical Plant, on their Web site, encourages faculty, staff and students to walk, use the Campus Area Transportation System, car pool, ride bicycles and to make use of public transportation. All of these steps will lower fuel consumption around the campus.

UVM's Energy management Office estimated savings for electricity of \$1.60 million in 2003, which they attribute to the energy policy that began in 1990, and new energy efficiency projects.



# Coca-Cola Making a Killing

**Anti-Coca-Cola activists set up tables outside of campus dining facilities proclaiming the sins of the company**

By JOHN MEIERDIERCKS  
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UVM's Students for Peace and Global Justice, an organization known for its strong stance on the preservation of civil liberties, has been, for the past two weeks, stationed just inside of Cook Commons.

Armed with fliers, pamphlets and a petition, the SFGJ has raised its fists against the Coca-Cola Corporation's alleged "...abuse of the global public interest." The accusations range from the exploitation and pollution of water sources in India to the support of paramilitary forces responsible for the deaths of union leaders in Colombia.

The petition was created by an organization called Killer Coke, whose goal is; "...to stop a gruesome cycle of murders, kidnappings and torture of SINALTRAINAL (National Union of Food Industry Workers) union leaders and organizers... in Colombia." The organization also advocates worker and union rights and corporate accountability.

According to Killer Coke, since 1989, death squads in cooperation with Coca-Cola bottling plant managers have been responsible for the murder of eight union leaders in Colombia. The country is a no-

toriously dangerous place for trade unionists. The government has recorded almost 800 union killings since 2000 with only a small number ever being solved or even investigated.

A lawsuit was filed in 2001 in the U.S. against Coke by the International Labor Rights Fund and the United Steelworkers union on behalf of the SINALTRAINAL workers. In 2006, the lawsuit was thrown out by Miami U.S. District Judge Jose Martinez on account of lack of jurisdiction (the Coca-Cola Corporation was itself dropped from the lawsuit in 2003, also because of a lack of jurisdiction).

Coca-Cola, according to Killer Coke, has also contributed to the depletion of local water supplies in India. The corporation is accused of "...[squeezing] local wells dry, leaving thousands of

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families and farmers to face severe water shortages and health problems." The India Resource Center, an organization that works to support groups against globalization in India, has said that the quickly shrinking water table at a Coke plant in Kala Dera has led to an extreme shortage in water

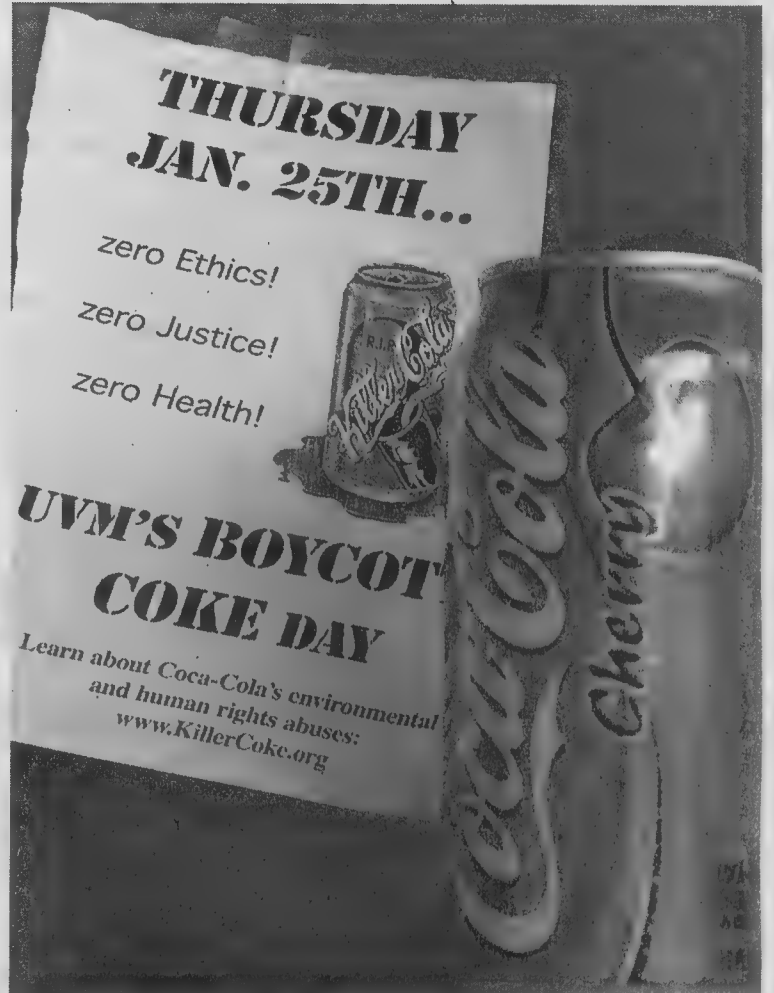
that supplies over 50 villages.

Coca-Cola bottling plants have also had a negative effect on the local environment, polluting the ground water surrounding the facilities and essentially poisoning the soil with large deposits of cadmium and lead.

How substantiated are these claims? In the case of corporate accountability only a thorough investigation can initiate the proper protocol that may lead to punitive actions. A lawsuit against the Coca-Cola Corporation has been dropped, amongst reports of murders of union members, thus it is unknown whether Coke was directly involved.

A spokeswoman speaking from Coke's headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. has said that both the corporation and its factories worldwide adhere to the laws and regulations put forth by the countries in which they do business. Edward E. Potter, Coke's global labor relations director has said that perpetuating "...urban myth is more exciting [for activists] than knowing what the facts are." Also, a global coalition of labor unions has decided not to join the anti-Coke battle, citing lack of evidence in support of the accusations.

The Killer Coke petition calls for the boycott of all Coke products, which include Dasani, Evian and Fanta. The movement has spread quite rapidly throughout the country to over 23 universities, all banning Coca-Cola products on their campuses. Although the college boycotts will have little effect on Coke's yearly profit of more than \$23 billion, the protests come at a very



(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

A can of coke lies adjacent to a flyer calling for a boycott on Coca-Cola last Thursday.

trying time for the Coca-Cola Corporation as their long-time business rival PepsiCo. has recently surpassed them in market value.

The Killer Coke movement has been gaining momentum since the SINALTRAINAL lawsuit in 2001. The organization says it will continue to

work to abolish multinational corporations' use of cheap foreign labor in areas where governments are not taking the appropriate action. Their hope is to create more corporate accountability while simultaneously improving international workers' rights.



## Plastic Replaces Green in Student's Pockets

**Banks target the young student market making graduates a target for debt**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

College students nationwide are putting the green out of style with their increased use of plastic—that is, replacing cash with credit cards.

However, as Diana McCabe warns in an article in *The Orange County Register*, "A credit card is not just a piece of plastic. It's a source of real money that you have to pay back. It also can be a source of financial headaches."

Nellie Mae, a student loan company, reported that 42 percent of college freshmen and, on the opposite end, 91 percent of final year students have at least one credit card, in a study published in 2005.

"Financial institutions are swarming over college campuses," writes Jane J. Kim in an article in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"Young adults tend to be very loyal to their first card," Kim reported. Ed Stolbof, the senior vice president of marketing for Morgan Stanley's Discover Financial Services, LLC, as saying, "It's really important to get to card members as soon as we can in their

credit life cycle."

What is so attractive about plastic? One answer is found in the cards that Bank of America offers for students, giving them choices of either a card featuring the logo of their major university or one that features a personal photo.

In addition to the aesthetic temptation presented by bank cards, Kim reports banks have given away iPods, packs of coke and airline tickets for students who open new checking accounts.

These cards are not just collecting dust in student's wallets and purses either. College seniors carry an average credit card balance of \$2,864 — an increase from the average \$1,585 that freshmen carry, according to Nellie Mae.

In the same study, the number one reported usage of credit cards by 74 percent of students was for school supplies, such as paper, notebooks and other supplies. Tied for second was textbooks and food.

Even though Nellie Mae reports students from the northeast as having the lowest outstanding credit card balances, UVM students — especially freshmen — should tread the credit card road with care, lest they leave college with more than just a student loan to worry about.



# BUS

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and route this semester, resulting in the creation of two off-campus buses and the removal of the on campus bus, transportation manager Michael Altman said.

The new schedule works like this: on Friday and Saturday nights only, there will be one off-campus bus that starts at WDW at 6:15 p.m. and returns at 15 and 45 past the hour. A second off-campus bus will leave WDW at 6:30 p.m. and return on the hour and half hour, Altman said.

After 2 a.m. service will only be provided every 30 minutes, with the last bus arriving at WDW at 3 a.m. (it does not take on any passengers), according to the transportation Web site.

Other changes include a change of route (described in the grey text box below). Specifically the bus will no longer be traveling north of Pearl Street.

Altman said the change was made after meeting with the SGA, police services and risk management. "We were having a very difficult time with masses of students who

became somewhat unruly," he said. In that area, north of Pearl Street, a lot of people were chasing the bus down, banging on the bus or hanging onto the side of the bus, Altman said.

UVM bus driver Dave Lobdell, who drives the off-campus on Friday and Saturday night, hopes the changes will make his job driving more manageable. "Last weekend was the first time I drove without grinding my teeth," he said.

"It is an issue of safety, and the new route is the safest route for our drivers to take," Altman said. "The new route will allow us to do the 30 minute route safely and not rush," he said.

In response to the students who live north of Pearl Street, Altman said, "We are trying to cover as much as we can."

He added that a lot of people who lived in the area behind Waterman felt their needs weren't being served with the old route. "It's hard to do everything for everybody," Altman said.

UVM senior Liam Carroll

said, "I think it's a good idea, because most people that are going downtown are drinking, and I don't know anyone who wanted to get off north of Pearl. Most people just want to go straight down Pearl as fast as possible."

In addition, the two new late night buses will each have

**"Last weekend was the first time I drove without grinding my teeth."**

**-Driver Dave Lobdell**

one security guard starting at 10 p.m. Altman said the security guards are there because "a lot of students at that time are in a 'heightened state of excitement' and we don't want the driver to have to worry about it."

"Towards the end of last semester the bus was becoming unruly," Altman said. He noted a situation towards the end of fall semester where UVM police were called to the L/L stop because people were

rushing the bus.

Altman also said that on the new weekend run they are trying to limit the number of people on the bus to 50 for safety reasons. This would allow for 30 people to sit, with 20 standees.

"50 people means the bus is full, but not packed like sardines. It will also allow people to get on and off the bus without crawling all over other people," Altman said.

UVM sophomore Audrey Arnold said that she didn't understand the new 50 person limit on weekend buses only. "Recently when I've been riding the on campus bus during the week, it's been ridiculously over-crowded and there are over 50 people. If this new limit is for safety why are they only enforcing it on Friday and Saturday nights?"

Altman said that the new rider limit should be countered with the addition of a second off-campus bus. "Hopefully the fact that's there 15 minute service will spread the crowd out," Altman said.

UVM driver Natalie Billings, who drives the off-

campus bus Monday through Thursday, said in response to the new route, "I think time-wise it's a good idea because people downtown waiting in the cold will only have to wait 15 minutes."

"But I don't think the route is perfected. There was a girl standing outside U-Heights last weekend for at least half an hour waiting for an on campus to go to WDW, but there isn't one," Billings said.

She added that the route will again need to be changed in the fall with the addition of the Davis Center.

Billings said she hasn't heard any major complaints from the drivers who drive Friday and Saturday nights, adding that "Dave's only complaint is when students flip that back door switch to let their friends on."

In response to the off-campus route no longer going north of Pearl Street, Billings said, "I think that there are parties down there, but I don't think changing the route will limit the number of people who go to parties."

## The New Off-Campus Bus Route:

- The new route has several key changes students should know about, Altman said. After leaving WDW the bus will then make its usual stops at Coolidge, Patrick Gym, Harris Millis, L/L, Royall Tyler Theatre and Billings.
- At Billings, the bus will take a right and make a

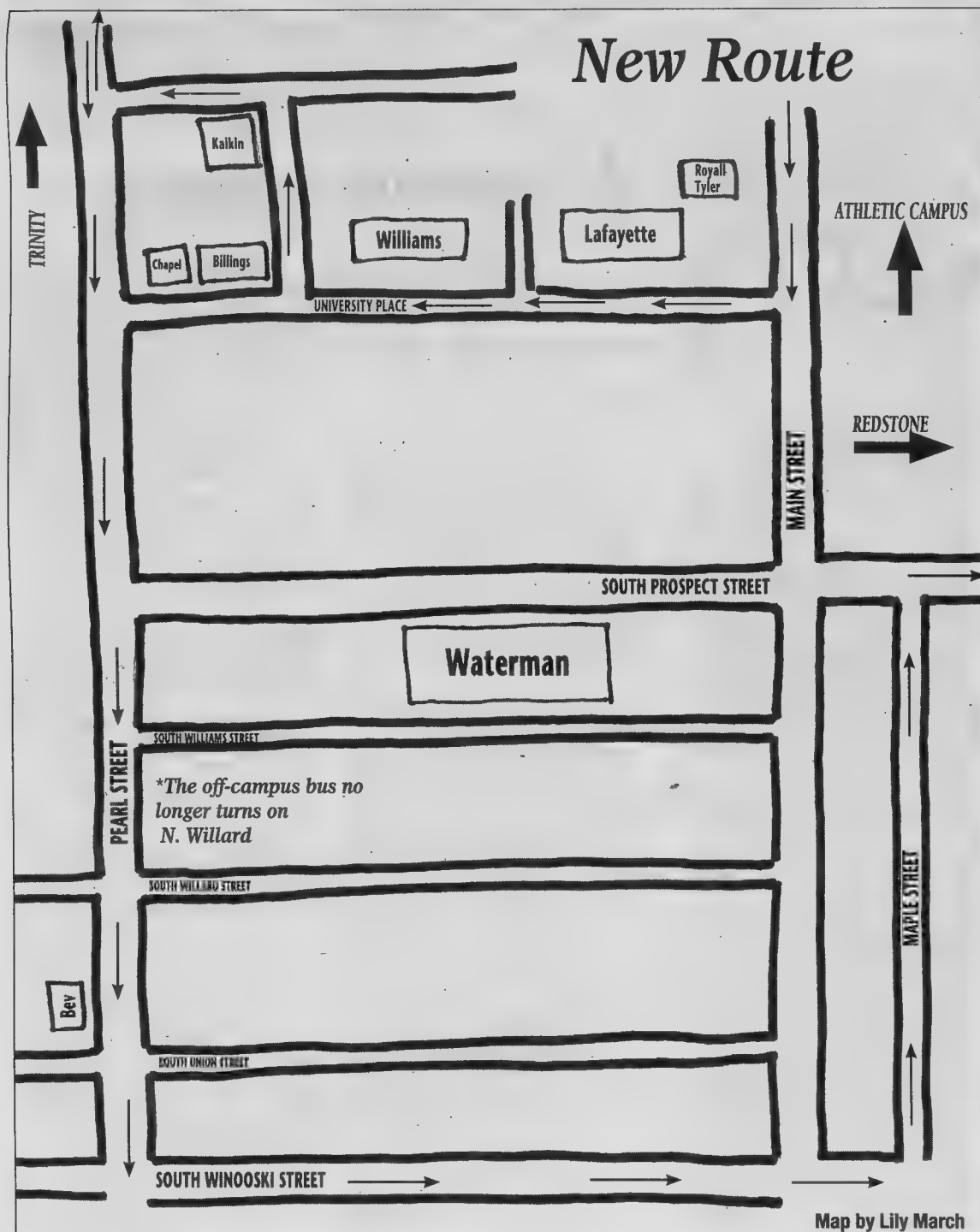
stop at Kalkin, in order to accommodate students who are living on Central Campus, Altman said.

- The bus will then take a left towards Pearl street and stop at Mercy Hall, Jeanne Mance and the corner of Pearl and North Willard streets, according to the transportation website.
- It is at this corner that a major change has been made. Previously the off-campus bus took a right

onto North Willard Street, providing transportation to North Street and the surrounding areas.

- Now, the bus will continue straight down Pearl Street. It will stop at the corner of Pearl and Union streets before turning left onto South Winooski, and continuing the rest of its former route.

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experience and augment their own training.

The Tactical Service Unit routinely trains with organizations throughout the state. According to their Web site, the Tactical Service Unit, "continually conducts tactical training for other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies."

According to the Tactical Service Unit's Web site, "The TSU is comprised of highly trained troopers that are skilled in the areas of hostage rescue, high risk warrant service, fugitive recovery, barricade/suicidal subjects and dignitary protection."

"It was a great success and a great opportunity to train with our partners and all training

objectives were met," said Lt. Robert Evans, commander of the Vermont Tactical Service Unit.

"It was a good exercise to see how UVM would respond

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**-Lt. Robert Evans, Vermont Tactical Service Unit**

to situations like a gunman coming into school, and it was a great idea to get all of the local

EMS organizations working together and thinking ahead," Dani Bohrer, a member of UVM rescue, said.

The exercise occurred after two days of school response training, with the exercise working as the culminating event for the lessons learned in the training.

Students have had positive reactions to the exercise.

"They're not training to make me feel better, they're training so they can handle situations that could occur," said Rick Harrington.

"It's better to have a cop know how to react to these situations, then to have the same cop be completely foreign to the situation," said Aaron Bernstein.

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### Veterans Speak Their Peace

Veterans of the Iraq speak about their experiences and denounce the proposed troop increase in Iraq.

By Rick Soule, Editor

For many Americans and Iraqis, the war in Iraq is a source of deep concern. The war has caused the deaths of thousands of people and has led to a massive displacement of refugees. The war has also caused a massive loss of life and property. The war has also caused a massive loss of life and property. The war has also caused a massive loss of life and property.

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### The End Is Near

Construction projects, including the Davis Center and the new tunnel entrance will be finished within months.

By LAI DA PERRO

Everything should be back to normal around campus by fall 2007, according to director of capital planning and management Jim Langham. Langham says that the Davis Center and the new tunnel entrance will be finished within months.

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### Douglas Opposes Troop Surge

When asked what would be the best way to end the war in Iraq, Douglas said, "I would like to see the U.S. withdraw its troops from Iraq."

By Rick Soule, Editor

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### The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"The President took us into this war recklessly. He disregarded warnings from the national security adviser during the first Gulf War, the Chief of Staff of the army, two former commanding Generals of the Central Command [...] and many, many others with great integrity and long experience in national security affairs."

-- Democratic Response to the State of the Union Address  
Delivered by Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.)



## Mixtapes Get Bad Rap

Opinion Editorial - Dave Sachs - B-Side Managing Editor

To me, it's the hardest, most blatant governmental blow to hip-hop culture since Mayor Ed Koch handcuffed graffiti in the early 1980s. Since then, New York City has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against the art of bombing. Next up on the hip-hop chop block: mixtapes.

Recently, a renowned mainstream mixtape producer, DJ Drama, was arrested, had assets seized and was jailed on \$100,000 bond for violating a law against "bootlegging" that, when broken, actually helps the ailing music industry — hip-hop in particular.

The big "bust" (which is an apt word because the raid at Drama's studio involved a local S.W.A.T. team ... watch out, those turntables may be packing heat) was a collaboration between Atlanta law enforcement and the Record-

ing Industry Association of America (RIAA). Drama has since made bail and, though all his albums were seized, I can still buy one of his "Gangster Grillz" mixtapes on <http://www.Amazon.com>. That's odd.

If you don't know what a mixtape is, it's been an integral staple of hip-hop almost since the art form's inception and can sometimes be the keystone to a career. It is not a bootlegged album; it's a compilation amalgamated by people like DJ Drama (a huge name in the mainstream mixtape world), who has endless connections with record labels, rappers and everyone in between. His Gangsta Grillz studio is probably as legitimate a business as the mixtape industry has, at least according to the Law.

See, the intrinsic reality of the mixtape is that it's ille-

gal, but it shouldn't be: Deejays use copyrighted material and alter it with fades and beatmatching, feeding artists' creativity, competitiveness and recognition. When emcees spit over these beats and sell them — legally or not — they pluralize the industry by inspiring competition and opening doors for lesser-known rappers. They're self-promotional tools for artists and scouting reports for record companies, not bootlegged Nas CDs he's selling for five bucks a pop.

"In this case, we didn't find drugs or weapons," an officer said in a Fox News broadcast. Another snitch was searching through Drama's albums and assets wearing a black jacket that read fearsomely and importantly, "RIAA Anti-Piracy Unit." It looked as though Tony Sopra-

no had been busted!

I wouldn't go so far as to say that it's possible the government has an agenda to attack hip-hop's industry and culture as a whole, but I just did.

Record companies were always privy to mixtapes, but didn't regulate them for good reason: They make money. With the explosion of intangible tunes scattered across the internet, the RIAA is trying to kill mixtapes to save what's left of the legit industry. If they succeed, the mainstream and underground game is in for a change. But hopefully (and more likely), the RIAA's authority will fizzle out because mixtape vendors will always, as they already do, give you this, the dopest of combos: a five-dollar poster with a free mixtape on the side.

## Selling Out the Union

Opinion Editorial - Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

With an approval rating below 30 percent, and an I.Q. that I'm convinced is half that, I'm not surprised that President Bush' State of the Union address was utterly disconnected from reality.

What the nation heard in the State of the Union address was a sales pitch and an inaccurate assessment of the current state of national and international affairs.

George would have us believe that the economy is great, health care is phenomenal and more domestic oil drilling, and war will solve all our problems.

Bush has been preaching the same sermon since 2002 (no wonder Senator McCain can't stay awake).

Every year Bush promises the development of alternative energy, and every year our country becomes more and more dependent on oil.

Bush has been paying lip service to the energy crisis

since his inauguration, yet has passed no substantial energy policies during his tenure (though he has virtual control over the House and Senate).

Bush has requested \$2.7 billion F.Y. 2008 in his budget for the development of alternative energy (an increase of 27 percent). That may seem like a lot of money, but just remember that the Defense Department alone is operating with a budget F.Y. 2007 of \$427 billion.

It appears that Bush's priorities are to set up friendly regimes in oil-rich countries rather than taking the appropriate steps to stop our dependency on foreign oil and ending America's reign as the number one contributor to climate change.

Bush spent well over half of his State of the Union address discussing the threat of the al-Qaida terrorist network, yet their has never

been any evidence that al-Qaida operated or was funded by Iraq prior to 9/11. Not one hijacker was from Iraq. Yet, we are still supposed to believe that Iraq is the pivotal battleground in the war against the al-Qaida terror network.

15 of the 19 hijackers on 9/11 were from Saudi Arabia and members of the House of Saud are known members of al-Qaida.

Why does the Bush administration remain so friendly with the House of Saud?

I'm going to go out on a limb and guess that it has something to do with the Bush family's considerable economic ties to the ruling family.

Bush can preach his sermon all that he wants, but it is quite clear that he has little interest in anything but advancing his stock options. If you don't believe me, pick up a copy of Craig Unger's

book *House of Bush, House of Saud*. Unger found that before 9/11, the House of Saud contracted \$1.5 billion worth of business in oil and defense contracts from the Carlyle Group and Halliburton (companies whose principle shareholders happened to be Bush and Chaney, respectively).

Bush is trying to sell the crisis in Iraq as a necessary step in the fight against al-Qaida and Islamic fundamentalism. But I don't buy it, and nor should you.

al-Qaida was not in Iraq before our invasion, just like there were no weapons of mass destruction. If jihad fighters are there now, it's only because we are there now.

Don't be fooled by the spin of this administration's sales pitch, because they are just like any shady used car salesman: They'll say anything to turn a buck.



# Letters to the Editor

## Overturn Roe v. Wade

The right of a woman to choose to have an abortion is considered, by some, to be one which is inalienable.

To take away such a right, they argue, would be a gross violation of basic human (what some would call "God-given"), as well as constitutionally guaranteed rights.

Others believe that there is no such right, and that when a woman chooses to abort a fetus, she is in essence perpetrating an act of murder against an innocent child, an act which is also a violation of basic human (these guys are a little more likely to use the g-word), and constitutional rights.

But the issue at hand here is not simply a question of whether or not abortion is moral or legal, but how large a roll should the national federal government play in making decisions which are largely cultural or moralistic in nature.

Do we really want to see our national government making such decisions for us, or would we rather place such legislation into the hands of more local governing bodies, such as state and county governments, over whom we very often may have a more direct influence?

Let's say that, for the sake of argument, Roe v. Wade was overturned.

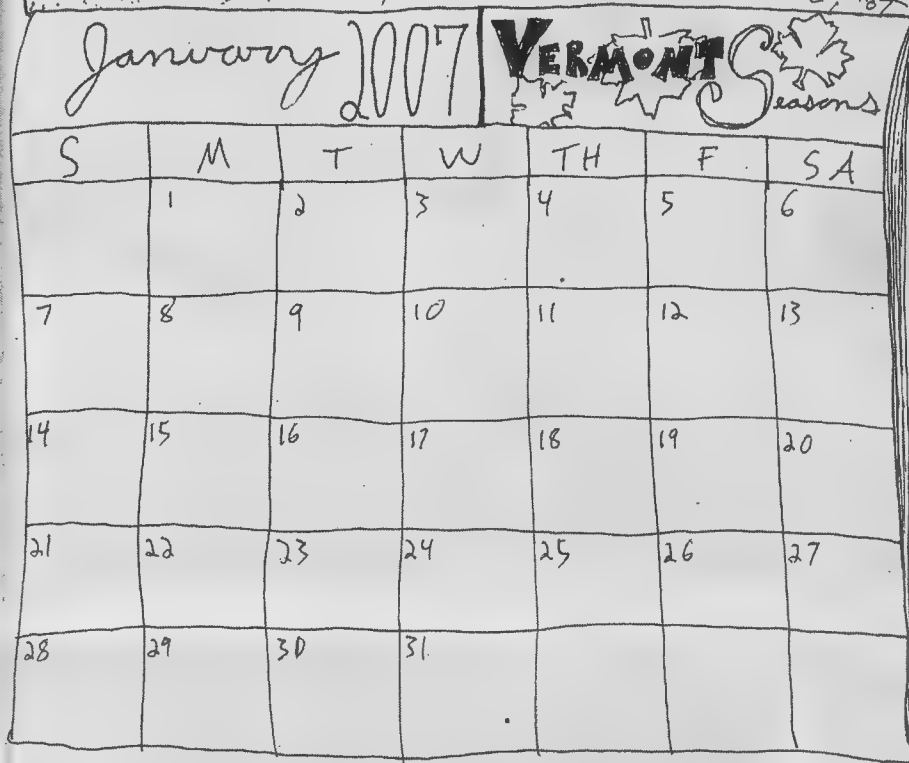
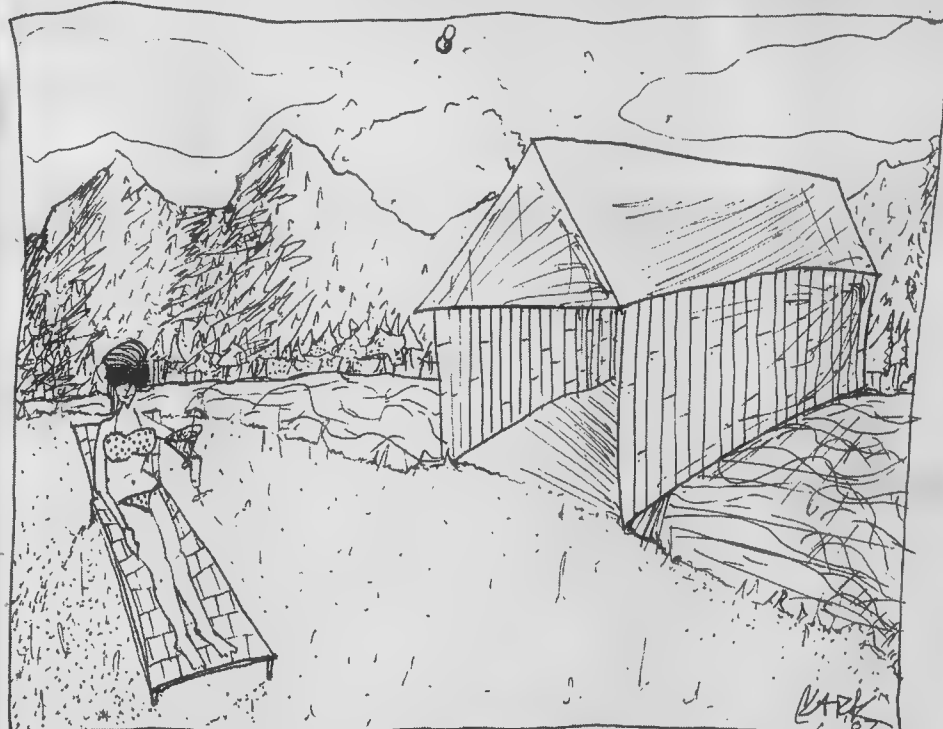
Many on the "right to choose" side of the battle lines immediately turn to the doomsday scenario when thinking about this sort of hypothetical, namely the absolute and total abolishment of abortion. But this would not be the necessary outcome of such a decision and realistically is highly unlikely.

I admit that it would be a rare even for individual states to bar abortion in totality. In the most recent election, voters in conservative South Dakota resoundingly rejected just such a ban, and we could implement federal laws which guarantee abortion rights in extreme circumstances such as rape and incest.

There are distinct positive benefits which would arise out of this too. We would make more able state and local governments to tailor laws to match the interests and customs of their citizenry and we would allow national politics to turn from this nearly irresolvable and highly divisive issue to ones of more national importance such as balancing the budget, education and paying for college, and revamping our disastrous foreign policy.

Perhaps it is time for those on both sides of the issue, not just those against it, to ask the question. Is Roe v. Wade really what we want?

- JEREMY STANDISH  
SPIRO-WINN, CLASS OF 2009



## Park it Elsewhere

I have recently made the conclusion that college students are the worst car parkers in Burlington. Despite UVM's plan to have more people living on campus and less people driving to class in the morning, they still do not have enough parking spaces for the regular working staff and faculty of surrounding facilities.

I noticed that most of the spaces near campus were taken up by large SUVs they were evenly spaced about 4-6 ft. from the cars in front of them and behind them.

First I asked myself why this anomaly occurs on a daily basis. For a while I tricked myself into believing that the cars leave and come all day and larger cars leave and smaller cars take the space, thus the large gap.

It soon came to my realization that the people who get these spots close to campus arrive at 8 a.m. and stay there for the duration of class and there is no excuse.

My second explanation seemed more plausible. Students arrive at campus after a long night of boozing and whatever else they may have done. They are tired and in to much of a hurry to take the extra two minutes it takes to put their car in the space properly.

It can easily be said that many of these kids with large SUVs do not know how to parallel park but when they are looking for a space in the morning how can they not see that there would be three or four more spaces if people were more considerate.

What boggles my mind most on this subject are the parking enforcement "officers". In Burlington you can get

towed for being a foot over the "No Parking Beyond This Point" sign or being in the vicinity of a fire hydrant.

When I say in the vicinity I mean they leave 20 ft. open for a fire hydrant because now people are too scared to park near them. In many towns they put up big reflective spacers on other side of the hydrants so that you know how close you can park.

In Burlington, no one really knows exactly where to park around a fire hydrant, much less how far from the car in front of them.

In my opinion, the parking enforcement people should spend less time towing people for minor discrepancies such as parking a little over the line and focus more on the people parking within the lines.

One would think that if everyone parked the way they should then over-parking would not occur. So when you see that little white car with flashing lights on top roll by, not to worry—they won't write you a ticket for being 3 ft. from the curb and 4 ft. from the person in front of you.

It comes down to the fact that there is not enough parking in Burlington for the influx of students that are in town during the winter months.

Burlington tries very hard to ignore that they are a college town and this seems to be because the college students disrespect what they are given from the community (aka every parking space from UVM to the North End).

- GARDNER HOWE, CLASS OF 2007

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## Yearning for the Past With Michelle Tanner

Stupid things are wonderful. Without them, it would be much more difficult to distinguish smart things from dumb ones, making life far less interesting.



Our generation in particular seems to adore stupid things, perhaps more than any other before us. Among the things I'm referring to are Dane Cook, "Full House" reruns and Journey's epic "Don't Stop Believin'." If these things weren't stupid, I probably wouldn't be talking about them.

Before the cacophony commences, first let me admit, that while I believe that the three things mentioned above are stupid, I love them nonetheless and I am glad to have them in my life.

But the fact remains that Dane Cook, while popular and typically funny, probably won't be remembered in 50 years. He found his audience niche (college students and twenty-somethings) and directly appeals to them via hilarious commentary on throwing up, random hookups and carafes of Kool-Aid storming through walls.

Similar arguments can be made for Full House and Journey: within their respective mediums, they aren't particularly special in any way except for the fact that they're just so damn entertaining. In fact, if anything they've set the forms back a bit. No Emmys were ever awarded to Bob Saget and no Grammy was ever placed in the hands of Steve Perry.

But why is it that our generation's (arguably) most recognizable comedian, television show and song are all so stupid, yet also so important, especially since two of the three aren't even current? The explanation is twofold.

Firstly, the generation that grew up predominantly in the 1990s (ours) was a generation unlike any other. The 90's were a time of unparalleled economic growth, political contentment, national safety and general comfort. It was a time of relative simplicity. There were no assassinations, major wars or political corruptness. Flash-forward to 2007 and everything is different: the economic boom has stalled, political approval is plummeting to all-time lows and the general sense of unease that blanketed the nation on 9/11 still lingers.

Secondly, "Full House" is a sappy show with hardly any serious messages (except the one in which D.J. confronts Kimmy about drinking), Dane Cook rarely touches controversial topics that past comedians have embraced (racism, depression etc.), and the lyrics of "Don't Stop Believin'" speak for themselves.

In essence, none of these three things are outrageously serious and certainly not controversial.

For this reason, we adore them, to escape the anxiety and tension that has been heaped upon us since at least 9/11 and probably before then, when Mom and Dad started signing you up for SAT classes in middle school. There is enough controversy in current affairs and enough heft in our personal affairs to at times warrant some sort of mindless activity which is absolutely lacking in substance.

This should not be confused with laziness or apathy. In fact, our generation is quite the opposite; we are more motivated than any generation since the Vietnam War for political change and more motivated than any generation ever towards social justice issues both domestic and abroad.

Dane Cook is simply a short respite from these motivations and concerns.

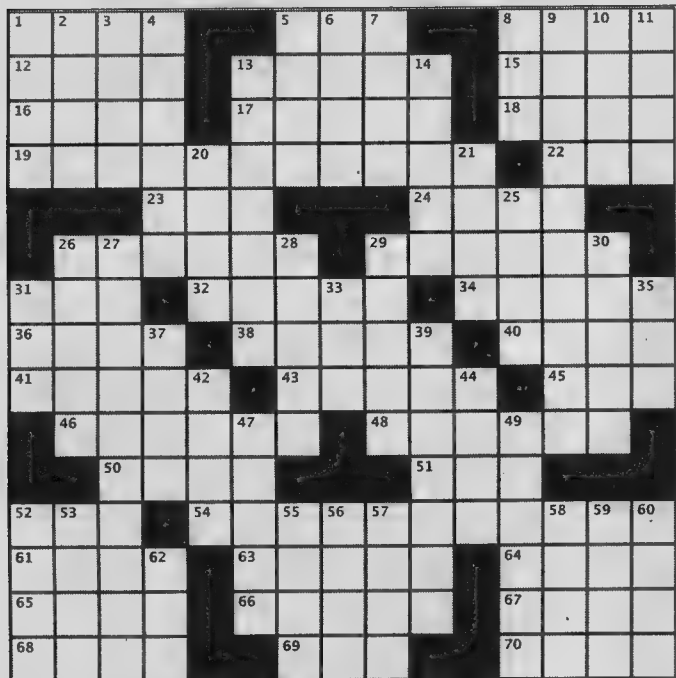
Whether justified or not, the reason college students everywhere are embracing these stupid things seems to be to (consciously or unconsciously) revert back to the 90s which, to them, was a time free of controversy but more importantly with comfort and reliability. Even if it's just for a short time, Journey urges us to keep on believing, Dane waxes philosophical on car alarms and Michelle wins the soapbox derby.

Stupid as they are, they still beat the hell out of a civil war in Iraq and any forms of standardized testing.



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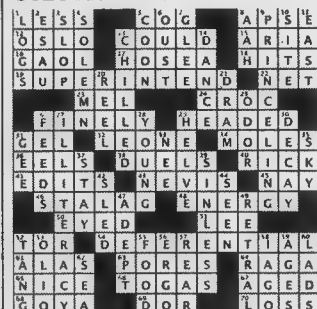
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5- Exclamation to express sorrow  
9- Crowbar  
14- Male parent  
15- Bright star  
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18- Native  
20- District adjacent to a city  
22- Arrest  
23- Protuberance  
24- Castle ring  
26- Shelter for honeybees  
28- Done again and again  
32- Persian musical instrument  
36- Sin  
37- Formed by mixing  
39- Biscuitlike quick bread  
40- Well-behaved  
42- Monument  
44- Goddess and sister of Ares in Greek mythology  
45- Savory jelly  
47- Offspring  
49- Drunkard  
50- Landlord  
52- Surroundings  
54- Horn warning  
56- Game of chance  
57- Purim month  
60- Vessel built by Noah  
62- Mailed communiqué  
66- American wildcat  
69- Ripped  
70- Wrong  
71- Oceans  
72- Send forth  
73- Leases  
74- Portable shelter  
75- Sandy tract

### DOWN

- 1- Snakes  
2- Stead  
3- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people  
4- Illuminate again  
5- Upward air current  
6- High hit  
7- River which flows through Stratford in England  
8- Mother of Isaac  
9- Fall behind  
10- High rank  
11- Chianti, e.g.  
12- Old-fashioned exclamation of surprise  
13- Acting part  
19- Large wading bird  
21- Wander  
25- State not to "mess with"  
27- Anatomical duct  
28- Royal  
29- Uneven  
30- Stage items  
31- Thaw before takeoff  
33- Trunk  
34- Conjunction  
35- Reposes  
38- Imbibe  
41- Doubt  
43- Person who writes novels  
46- Dove sound  
48- Baseball team  
51- Laugh loudly  
53- Decayed  
55- Confidence  
57- Partly open  
58- Matron  
59- Not fer  
61- Leg joint  
63- Heavy book  
64- "\_\_\_\_ Brockovich"  
65- Network of nerves  
67- Horse-like animal, term of insult  
68- Son of Jacob

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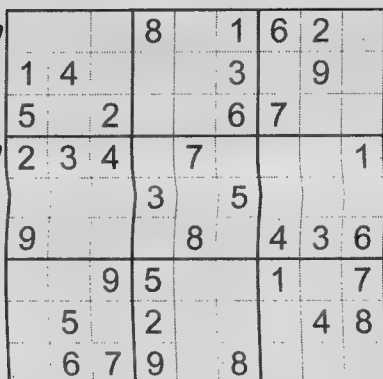
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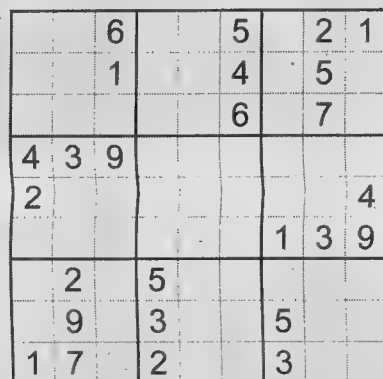
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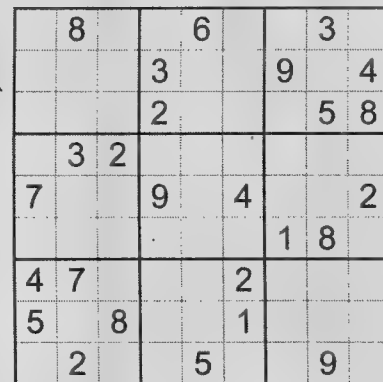
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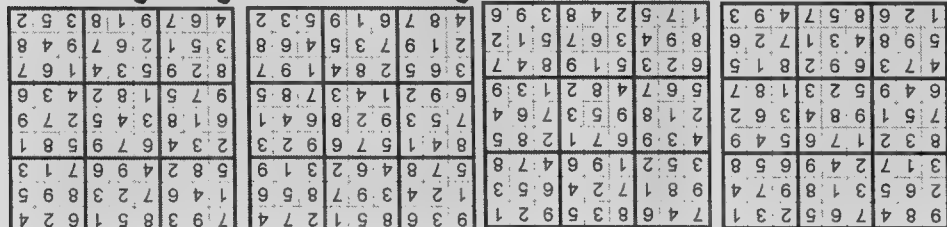


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## College Gourmet

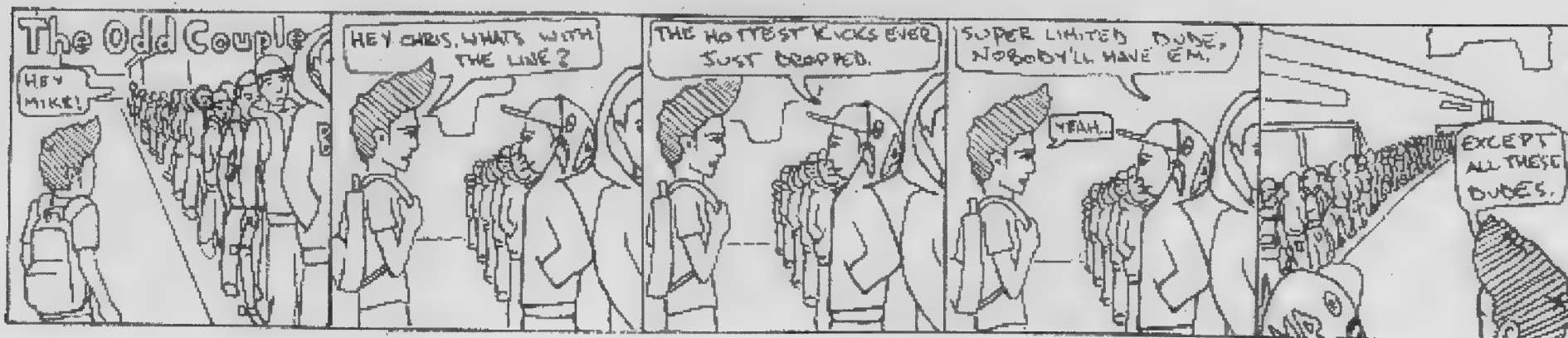
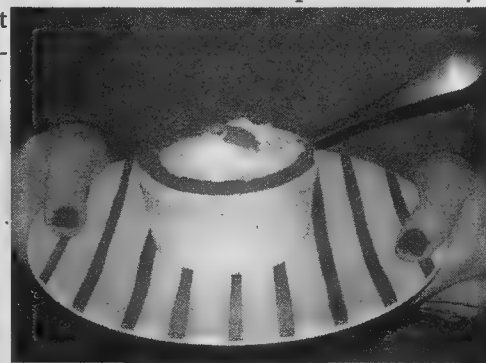
### CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE

Add some class to your typical Macaroni and Cheese dinner. This is a very easy, economical, and delicious recipe from Cook's Illustrated. Even a total square can make it.

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter (1  
tablespoon softened, remaini  
ng butter cut into 1/4-inch  
chunks)  
1 tablespoon granulated sugar,  
plus 1/3 cup  
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate or  
semi-sweet chocolate, chopped  
coarse

- 1/8 teaspoon table salt  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 tablespoon orange liqueur, prefer-  
ably Grand Marnier  
6 large egg yolks  
8 large egg whites  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

1. Adjust oven rack to lower middle position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Butter inside of 2-quart soufflé dish with the 1 tablespoon softened butter, then coat inside of dish evenly with 1 tablespoon sugar; refrigerate until ready to use.
  2. Melt chocolate and remaining butter in medium bowl set over pan of simmering water. Turn off heat, stir in salt, vanilla, and liqueur; set aside.
  3. In medium bowl, beat yolks and remaining sugar with electric mixer set on medium speed until thick and pale yellow, about 3 minutes. Fold into chocolate mixture. Clean beaters.
  4. In medium bowl, beat whites with electric mixer set on medium speed until foamy. Add cream of tartar and continue to beat on high speed to stiff, moist peaks. (Mixture should just hold the weight of a raw egg in the shell when the egg is placed on top.)
  5. Vigorously stir one-quarter of whipped whites into chocolate mixture. Following illustrations below, gently fold remaining whites into mixture until just incorporated. Spoon mixture into prepared dish; bake until exterior is set but interior is still a bit loose and creamy, about 25 minutes. (Soufflé is done when fragrant and fully risen. Use two large spoons to pull open the top and peek inside. If not yet done, place back in oven.) Serve immediately.
- We served this with homemade whipped cream...  
heavy whipping cream, sugar to taste, light grating of orange zest- beat with beaters until stiff peaks form.





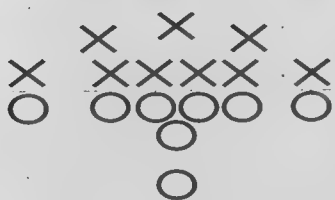


By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Sports Editor

# SUPER BOWL PREVIEW



## The Gameplan



### Colts Offense vs. Bears Defense

The Colts opened up as the early favorite and I can't blame anyone for picking them to win after the performance Manning had in leading them back from a historic 18-point deficit.

Manning is capable of leading his team to victory but needs a lot of help from his offensive line in shutting down the once again vaunted Bears defense that caused so many problems for the Saint's Drew Brees.

He will also need a solid game from rookie running back Joseph Addai in order to open up play action passing opportunities down the field.

But the Bears defense that had been just average for the last part of the season really stepped up against the Saints after a week of hearing how they weren't good enough. They will need a repeat performance in order to shut down the Colts.

### Bears Offense vs. Colts Defense

When Chicago has the ball it will be all about the running game. The two-headed monster that is Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson ran all over New Or-

leans for 196 combined yards.

The Colts run defense has not allowed a 100-yard rusher during the playoffs after allowing every team during the season at least 100 yards.

So what changed? Some say the return of Sanders has had a big effect but a lot of it has to do with opponents getting away from the running game. Unfortunately, for the Colts, that will not happen against the Bears. Expect Grossman to hand it off to his backfield mates at least 45 times during the game.

If the Bears want to win they must get their running game going in order to keep Manning off the field. The running game will also open up play action passing for Grossman who can be extremely effective at finding his receivers, especially Bernard Berrian, down the field for big plays.

Indy's defense must try to stop the run and put the ball in Grossman's hands and force him to make mistakes. The Bears lose when Grossman turns the ball over.

If Grossman is asked to do more than just control the game, the Bears could be in real trouble. Conversely if the Colts cannot protect Manning and allow the turnover happy

Bears defense to run all over the field it could be a long day for Indy fans.

### Special Teams

The X-factor in this game could be special teams. Both teams have almost automatic kickers in the Bear's Robbie Gould and the Colt's Adam Vinatieri (who, you will remember won two Super Bowl titles for the Pats on last second kicks).

The Colts had a lot of trouble against the Patriots in the AFC Championship game covering kicks. The Patriot's Ellis Hobbs took six kicks back for a combined 220 yards.

Against the Bears, the Colts must be careful on kickoffs because Devin Hester (who returned a record six kicks for touchdowns this season) loves the big stage and if he is given the smallest seam he will take it to the house.

Against the Saints the Bears used great field position thanks to punter Brad Maynard, who pinned the Saints inside their 20-yard line four times.

If the Colts have to drive down the whole field against the Bears defense it bodes well for the team from the Windy City.

## Welcome to Miami

This has been a long time coming.

The first trip to the Super Bowl for the Indianapolis version of the Colts franchise is led by a quarterback and coach always marked by their inability to win the big games.

It started back in college when Peyton Manning shattered every Tennessee record but could not lead the Vols to a national title. It was only made worse the year after Manning graduated when junior Tee Martin lead Tennessee to an undefeated season and the 1998 National Championship.

But Manning is not alone on the Colts. After coach Tony Dungy left the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, John Gruden took over and led the Bucs to a Super Bowl XXXVII championship and ever since Dungy has had the title of the coach that can build a great team but never win the big game.

On the Chicago sideline you will find fans who have been eagerly waiting the past 21 years for another Super Bowl berth.

These fans also hold their breath every time the Bears offense steps on to the field because of Rex Grossman, who some call the worst Super Bowl quarterback ever. Whether he is the worst ever we will have to wait until Feb. 4 to decide, but most inconsistent is a title that he is the undisputed champion of.

Even with the inconsistency of their quarterback and constant questions, coach Lovie Smith has kept the ship steady and in becoming the first black coach to reach the Super Bowl (only to be joined a couple of hours later by Dungy), he has transcended sports on his way to the history books.

At the beginning of the season this matchup seemed like the sure bet for the Super Bowl. The Colts and Bears were the last remaining undefeated teams and both looked unstoppable; the Bears defense was flying around the field making plays and their offense was playing

possessed, while in Indy the Colts offense was its usual juggernaut self but their defense was the real surprise as they actually were able to stop people.

But then everyone came back to Earth.

Lineman Tommie Harris and safety Mike Brown suffered season ending injuries that left huge holes up the middle of the Bears defense and the offense finally realized who they were.

The Colts offense began to sputter as their defense was exposed when safety and emotional leader Bob Sanders went down with an injury.

While the teams finished the season a combined 25-7 all the experts were betting against them.

Just the way these teams like it.

The Colts went on a tear against the run, shutting down two of the best running backs in the league (KC's Larry Johnson and Baltimore's Jamal Lewis) on the way to their dramatic come from behind victory in which Manning finally exorcised his demons and defeated the evil empire that is Tom Brady and Bill Belichick.

The Bears, on the other hand, were written off from the start of the playoffs because of their suddenly porous defense and the inconsistency of Grossman (the only man on the planet who has any idea of the criticism Manning endures).

But after just getting by Seattle on a last second field goal, Chicago shel-lacked "America's Team," the high-powered New Orleans Saints to romp into the big game.

When the teams take the field in Miami all the speculation will be set aside and the players will have a chance to make history.

After two weeks of being bombarded with questions Grossman and Manning will be ready to lead their teams while Dungy and Smith will have done all the preparation possible.

It's time to play ball.

### ~ Staff Predictions ~

Dakota Rubin  
Bears 31, Colts 26

Josh Appelbaum  
Colts 31, Bears 24

Austin Danforth  
Bears 30, Colts 27

Nick DeCaro  
Colts 28, Bears 23

Joanna Benjamin  
Bears 35, Colts 28

Kat Williams  
Bears 24, Colts 17

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# Vermont Guard Down

With a fractured left foot the men's basketball team's leading scorer, freshman Joe Trapani, will be sidelined for at least four weeks

By KAT WILLIAMS  
Cynic Correspondent

Bad news came to the UVM men's basketball program last week when they learned that Joe Trapani, the team's freshman sensation and leading scorer, had sustained a fracture in his left foot.

"Joe Trapani has an incomplete fracture of the third metatarsal in his left foot," UVM Athletic Trainer Allison Shephard stated in a release.

Trapani was able to play 11 minutes in the first half of the Cat's last home game against Maine, but had to remain seated for the second half.

An X-ray the following morning would show the fracture, and confirmed that Trapani would have to sit out four to six weeks.

"We need guys like Martin Kilmes, Chad Powlovich and Colin McIntosh to step up their game and so far they have," said Head Coach Mike Lonergan. "It is important that it's a team effort, not just one person to try and make up for what Joe averaged a night."

Trapani was averaging 14.5 points and 5.5 rebounds a game before the injury.

"We have a great team that if one guy goes down, another one steps up. Our depth has been a big factor to our success this season," Trapani said.

The big question remains whether or not Trapani will return in time for the playoffs.

"We are hoping that Joe can make it back before the America East Championships, aiming towards our last few regular season games," Lonergan said.

The absence of Trapani on the court has not affected the team's high hopes for playoffs. With UVM's recent win over Hartford, their record is now 14-6 overall and 6-1 in the America East.

"The most important thing right now is to finish first in our league because if we make it to the championship we would then have home court advantage," sophomore and newly appointed captain Mike Trimboli said. "We hope to have Joe back for that but if not we will have to just keep on playing the way we are."

The team is currently on the road, but will return to Patrick Gym on Wednesday, Jan. 31st at 7:00 p.m. to take on the UNH Wildcats.

# Winter X Games Eleven Showcases Evolution In Extreme Sports

By JOANNA BENJAMIN  
Senior Staff Writer

In the opening night of the winter X Games in Aspen, CO, extreme sports saw an array of progressive displays at Buttermilk Mountain, leaving everyone satisfied.

## Women's Snowboarding Superpipe

The 17-year-old member of the 2006 Olympic team, Elena Hight was the first female to ever land a grabbed backside 900 in her final run, securing her the bronze medal.

She was topped by Aspen native Gretchen Bleiler, whose run started off with a frontside 900 and included her trademark crippler and a back-to-back 540 combo landing her a silver.

Torah Bright's gold medal run began with a huge air to fakie to a frontside 720 with a grab and a giant McTwist. Bright's progressive style rounded out the women's snowboarding superpipe competition.

## Men's Skiing Superpipe

Last year's gold medalist Tanner Hall came out on top again. Dropping in switch, Hall started with a perfect 1080 on the first hit and ended with a 1080 as well.

Hall was followed closely by Simon Dumont, who landed a huge 1260 and was airing upwards of 20 feet out of the pipe.

Peter Olenick landed a

Other Top Finishers:	
<b>Women's Skiing Superpipe</b>	<b>Men's Skier X</b>
1. Sarah Burke	1. Casey Puckett
2. Grete Eliassen	2. Jack Fiala
3. Jen Hudak	3. Enak Gavaggio
<b>Women's Snowboard Slopestyle</b>	<b>Women's Skier X</b>
1. Jamie Anderson	1. Ophelie David
2. Hana Beaman	2. Valentine Scuotto
3. Chanelle Sladics	3. Meryll Boulangeat
<b>Men's Snowboarder X</b>	<b>Men's Slopestyle</b>
1. Nate Holland	1. Candide Thovex
2. Xavier de la Rue	2. Sammy Carlson
3. Seth Wescott	3. Colby West
<b>Snocross</b>	<b>Snowmobile Freestyle</b>
1. Tucker Hibbert	1. Chris Burandt
2. Ryan Simons	2. Aleksander Nordgaard
3. T.J. Gulla	3. Heath Frisby

double back flip with a torque or what has been dubbed the "Whiskey flip" for a solid bronze medal run.

## Men's Snowboard Slopestyle

For the men's side of slopestyle, Norwegian Andreas Wiig snagged the gold with a backside rodeo 900, newly named the "Wiig flip" after a cab 900 and finishing with a frontside 1080 with a frontside grab.

Jussi Oksanen scored an 84.66 and second place finish after a solid run that started off with two smooth rails and a switch backside 720 off the first hit. He followed the 720 by a cab 900 into a frontside 900 finishing with a switch backside 900 on the last kicker.

Shaun White's run that began with a frontside 270 onto the first rail didn't land him X Game gold for the first time in four years. His run did include a cab 900 to a frontside 720

boardslide and White almost landed a cab 1260 but didn't manage to get the final rotation around, which placed him third with a score of 83.33.

## Women's Snowboarder X

There was a feeling of déjà-vu when Lindsay Jacobellis saw a gold medal fall from her grasp in the women's snowboarder X. The event was reminiscent of her fall while showboating at the Torino Olympics. Jacobellis fell on the final jump, but was able to hold onto silver.

Jacobellis was passed by Joanie Anderson, who managed to snag the gold medal, while Canadian Maelle Ricker crossed the finish line in third.

## Monoskiier X

For monoskiier X, a men's and women's combined event at the X Games, proving that disabilities won't keep people off the slopes and out of the fight for first place, Tyler

Walker finished first with a time of 84.868 seconds, followed by Kevin Connolly at 84.930.

First time X Game participant, Kees-Jan van der Klooster finished in third place with a time of 93.480 seconds and Sarah Will slipped into the fourth place spot at 95.048.

## Snowboard Best Trick

In the final bracket runs of the first annual Best Trick competition, Andreas Wiig stomps the landing of a perfect 1080 to secure him the gold.

Travis Rice attempted a corked double backflip but fell, leaving him in second place.

Finnish Antti Autti landed first in the bronze heat and took home a medal in the snowboard best trick for his slightly sketched 1080.

## Men's Snowboarding Superpipe

Veteran X Games gold medalist Steve Fisher secured another first place finish for his run that pushed the norms of halfpipe amplitude. A huge combo of 1080s and 900s reaffirmed that he is one of the most technically solid riders out there.

Shaun White managed second place with a cased McTwist that landed low in the transition and robbed White of much needed speed for the remainder of his run and the gold.

Young gun Mason Aguirre's bronze medal run included a combo of back to back 1080s and an alie-oop.

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# SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK AT UVM

(Jan. 30-Feb. 5)

### Wednesday (1.31)

Men's Basketball vs. UNH (7pm TV-CN8)  
Women's Basketball @ UMBC (7pm)

### Friday (2.2)

Skiing @ UVM Carnival (9am)  
Track @ Yale (4pm)  
Men's Hockey vs. Providence (7pm)

### Saturday (2.3)

Skiing @ UVM Carnival (9am)  
Track @ Yale (10am)  
Women's Hockey @ Providence (2pm)  
Men's Hockey vs. Providence (7pm)

### Sunday (2.4)

Women's Hockey @ Providence (2pm)

### Monday (2.5)

Men's Basketball vs. Boston U. (7pm)

## SNOW REPORT (1.30-2.5)

Stay in school or hit the slopes?

...Grading Rubric Below...

### Tuesday (1.30)

Partly cloudy  
13°/10°

A-

### Wednesday (1.31)

Partly cloudy  
15°/8°

B

### Thursday (2.1)

Few snow showers  
22°/17°

A

### Friday (2.2)

Few snow showers  
23°/10°

A-

### Saturday (2.3)

AM clouds/PM sun  
20°/5°

A

### Sunday (2.4)

Mostly cloudy  
19°/6°

B

### Monday (2.5)

Snow Showers  
15°/0°

A-

Rubric: A+ = don't miss out  
B = well worth it  
C = why not?

## LAST WEEK (1.23-1.29)

### Men's Basketball

15-6 (7-1)

@ Hartford (1.25)

UVM

Hartford

@ Stony Brook (1.28)

UVM

Stony Brook

### Women's Basketball

14-6 (4-2 A-East)

vs. Stony Brook (1.24)

UVM

Stony Brook

vs. UNH (1.27)

UVM

UNH

### Men's Hockey

14-8-4 (9-4-4 Hockey East)

@ Merrimack (1.26)

UVM

Merrimack

@ Merrimack (1.27)

UVM

Merrimack

### Women's Hockey

3-18-2 (1-10-1 Hockey East)

@ BC (1.27)

UVM

BC

### Swimming & Diving

11-5 (3-1 A-East)

vs. Providence (1.27)

UVM

Providence

### Skiing

UNH Carnival (1.26-1.27)

Dartmouth

UVM

Middlebury

UNH

Bates

St. Lawrence

Williams

Colby

Harvard

St. Michael's

Bowdoin

UMaine- Presque-Isle

Clarkson

Win

40-36 - 76

22-41 - 63

Win

36-35 - 71

22-39 - 61

Loss

31-40 - 71

30-42 - 72

Win

36-34 - 70

16-28 - 44

Tie

0-0-1-0 - 1 (OT)

0-0-1-0 - 1 (OT)

Tie

0-1-0-0 - 1 (OT)

1-0-0-0 - 1 (OT)

Loss

0-1-0 - 1

3-1-0 - 4

Win

176

108

2nd Place

784

701

668

608

506

462

446

426

208

184

145

69

12

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont	15-6 (7-1)
2. Albany	13-7 (6-2)
3. Boston U.	7-12 (4-3)
4. Maine	10-11 (5-4)
5. New Hampshire	8-13 (4-4)
6. UMBC	8-13 (4-4)
7. Hartford	9-12 (3-6)
8. Binghamton	9-11 (3-6)
9. Stony Brook	7-13 (2-6)

### A-East Women's Basketball

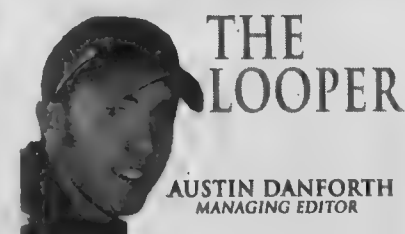
1. Hartford	13-7 (6-1)
2. Stony Brook	10-9 (6-1)
3. Vermont	14-6 (4-3)
4. Maine	10-9 (4-4)
5. UMBC	10-10 (3-4)
6. Albany	7-13 (3-4)
7. Binghamton	7-13 (3-4)
8. Boston U.	10-10 (2-5)
9. New Hampshire	6-13 (1-6)

### Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	14-2-1 (29 pts)
2. Boston U.	10-4-6 (26 pts)
3. Boston Coll.	11-7-1 (23 pts)
4. Vermont	9-4-4 (22 pts)
5. UMass	9-6-2 (20 pts)
6. Maine	9-7-1 (19 pts)
7. Northeastern	6-10-4 (16 pts)
8. Providence	5-11-1 (11 pts)
9. Merrimack	3-13-2 (8 pts)
10. UMass Lowell	2-14-2 (6 pts)

### Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. Boston College	11-4-0 (22 pts)
2. New Hampshire	10-1-0 (20 pts)
3. Providence	8-2-2 (18 pts)
4. Connecticut	8-4-1 (17 pts)
5. Boston U.	7-6-1 (15 pts)
6. Maine	2-9-2 (6 pts)
7. Northeastern	2-12-1 (5 pts)
8. Vermont	1-11-1 (3 pts)



THE LOOPER

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## Once Upon a Time in Burlington

Once upon a time, not too long ago, there was a basketball team from the woods of Vermont. Practicing in a cozy, old, yellow-walled gym they started their journey together as a multinational group of round-ball misfits.

The road they traveled was long, bumpy and twisted. At times the road was cold and cruel, other times it was pleasing and exhilarating. This was undoubtedly Vermont's team, proudly wearing the letters V-E-R-M-O-N-T across their chests, a badge of honor constantly reminding others of where they came from.

Starting out slowly, they charted their course toward an unknown but bright future, one basket at a time. And as time passed, they made more and more baskets, and when the road got difficult and the going got tougher, they got going.

This little team that could continued to do one remarkable thing after another. As people started to take notice, they kept playing. As they kept playing, more people took notice.

Five years, and a number of broken-handed baskets later, they became more famous than anyone could've possibly imagined. They received attention that may have done justice to some of their wildest dreams.

In return for adoration, this team gladly gave their fans some of the happiest, most memorable moments of their lives. With the added flair of a miraculous 30-foot jumper, this team went out and beat a national title contender in the spotlight, with the season on the line. Cinderella got her slippers, and everyone lived happily ever after. The End.

I felt compelled to take that little jaunt down memory lane after witnessing the men's hockey team's sweep of BC, the biggest weekend of hockey at UVM in two years, and revisiting the video footage from the 2005 UVM-Syracuse NCAA tournament game (it can be found on the UVM athletics web site if you look hard enough).

These are memories I will keep and cherish forever. Being there to see them firsthand (I was lucky enough to score tickets) was only the beginning of the process.

These memories, like those of the hockey playoff series against Dartmouth and the basketball conference finals against Northeastern, both in 2005 (same weekend, even), are what make college sports truly great.

You can debate the purpose and existence and regulations of college athletics until you're blue in the face but when it comes down to brass tacks, the storylines and emotions running through all of these great games make them irresistibly endearing.

So, after a weekend like we had two weeks ago, I am left wondering when that next great memory will come. Like the fairy tale of Brennan and Co., the odds are against any sort of prediction of these memories. They just have to be lived in order to be blissfully relived, over and over again.

# Cats Lap Providence on Senior Day

In the final meet of the regular season, the swim and dive team said goodbye to their lone senior and went out with a

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon, the University of Vermont women's swimming and diving team bade farewell to lone senior Alaina Dickason in exemplary fashion, lapping Providence College 176-108 at the Frank D. Forbush Natatorium.

Led by the record breaking performances of freshmen incendiaries Molly MacMillan and Colleen Clark, the Cats secured the most team victories in a season since 1981, finishing the 2006-2007 campaign 11-5.

With a slew of splash ridden, squeaky-footed family, friends and classmates looking on, the Cats quickly set the tone for what was to come: utter domination.

In the third event, Clark did her best Michael Phelps impression by crushing both her opponents and the record books in the 200 free, finishing a UVM pool best 1:54.94.

MacMillan quickly followed Clark with a record-breaking performance of her own. Displaying the same reckless ferocity that recently earned her America East and ECAC Women's Swimming Performer of the Week, MacMillan shattered the pool record for the 100 backstroke event with a time of 59.16.

Jubilation filled the humid, chlorinated air as MacMillan exited the pool to an echoing chorus of applause.

Exhibiting both the talent and depth of the squad, fellow freshman Johanna Kos



(Adam Briera/Vermont Cynic)

Alaina Dickason, the only senior on the swimming and diving team, swims the breaststroke in the final regular season meet on Sat. Jan. 27.

won the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:13.14. Another freshman, Catherine Solsvig, took home the 1 meter dive crown with a score of 206.02.

Not to be outdone, a rash of sophomores littered the victory lane as well. Lauren Honrath captured the 1000 free event with a time of 10:49.71.

In addition, classmates Ashley Gillepsie and Eryka Karz were victorious in the

200 breaststroke (2:30.19) and 100 butterfly (1:00.78) respectively.

Despite being Senior Day, the dynamic freshmen duo of MacMillan and Clark stole the show. Both rewarded the support of head coach Gerry Cournoyer by capturing yet another set of unparalleled victories.

MacMillan rewrote the 500 freestyle record books with a time of 5:07.84 while

Clark secured her second first place finish of the day by winning the 100 free in 53.42.

"I am very pleased with our total performance today," Cournoyer said. "We end the regular season at 11-5 with a strong showing that will give us confidence heading into the conference championships."

The America East Championships begin on Feb. 8, 2007 in Boston, Mass.





# Lady Cats Bounce Back Over UNH

**After a one point upset by Stony Brook, the women's basketball team downs New Hampshire by almost 30 points**

By NICK DECARO

Staff Writer

The women's basketball team bounced back from a heartbreaking 72-71 loss Wednesday night to Stony Brook by hammering New Hampshire 70-44 on Saturday afternoon at Patrick Gym.

UVM never trailed on the afternoon using an early 20-4 lead to grab a comfortable win.

Behind lights-out 57.1 percent shooting and strong defense, holding UNH to 29.2 percent shooting in the first half, the Catamounts snatched a 36-16 halftime lead.

"Our defense was solid, and our pressure defense took away the shot clock, which helped cut down their opportunities," Head Coach Sharon Dawley commented after the win, "Today was all about defense and great team play; we had 20 assists on our 23 shots."

Vermont was lead by freshman Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos who both scored 13 points on the afternoon. Pilypaitis added seven rebounds and six assists to retain her ranking of top scorer, while Kotsopoulos added five boards of her own.



Sophomores Amy Rosencrantz (15) and teammate Kelli Poles (55) reach for a rebound in Wednesday night's one-point loss to Stony Brook.

"We worked hard every possession, played tough defense, ran the floor and had a balanced attack," Kotsopoulos said after the game.

Sophomore Amy Rosencrantz added nine points and five rebounds, while fellow sophomore Kelli Poles chipped in eight off the bench for the Catamounts.

Vermont was two seconds away from sweeping its pair of home games this week, but Stony Brook's Mykeema Ford spoiled the party last Wednesday night.

Ford's 21 point second half explosion, capped by a game winning three-pointer propelled the Sea Wolves to a 72-71 win.

Vermont lead 31-30 at the half, but Stony Brook used an 11-0 run early in the second half to jump out to a comfortable 51-40 lead. Yet the Catamounts were not about to throw in the towel.

A thrilling 22-4 run sparked by senior Alison Brown's six points, brought the Catamounts roaring back into the

game to take a 71-69 lead with 20 seconds left.

"It's always one possession at a time, we just kept plugging away time after time," Brown said.

Ford's dagger with two seconds left gave Stony Brook the lead, but it was almost trumped by senior captain Brittney Cross' running layup attempt came up just short at the buzzer.

Cross led the Catamounts with 14 points and seven assists on the night, while Courtney Pilypaitis added 14 points and four assists of her own.

"Chemistry will carry us through this rough spot, but there's still a lot of basketball left," Cross added after the game.

Junior Sara Fenton added nine points and four rebounds against Stony Brook and sophomore Kelli Poles scored 11 points and had eight boards, while dominating under the net.

However, Vermont was not able to overcome Ford's second half heroics when coupled with the Cats' 22 costly turnovers which were "very uncharacteristic from our team, we need to take better care of the ball," Coach Dawley commented.

"It's tough to lose with a shot that late in the game, but you have to give credit to Ford- she's phenomenal. You saw the fight in our team, and the will to comeback, I loved the toughness and fight our team showed tonight," Dawley said.

## Skiing Slopes to Second After Perfect Season in '06

**After an undefeated carnival season in 2006, the alpine and nordic skiing team has slid down into second place in both of the first two carnivals**

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Senior Staff Writer

Despite an unusually warm preseason, the alpine and nordic team is off to a good start.

In the first carnival of the season, hosted by Saint Michael's College, Vermont finished second with 686 points.

"Second place was a bit disappointing but we have a good chance of being in the hunt every weekend," Director of Skiing Bill Reichelt said.

"There are more variables with a younger team rather than a more experienced one, but I'm encouraged by our performance this past weekend."

In the slalom, junior Zac Brown finished second, followed by sophomore Ethan Korpi and freshmen Marsh Gooding, Erik Gilbert and Colin Devore in sixth to ninth place.

For the women's side of the team, juniors Ashley Spina and Kate Bragg took third and thirteenth in the slalom as well.

The 3x3 1k Nordic relay team of sophomores Juergen Uhl and Anders Folleras and freshman Jesse Kossiba for the men, and seniors Carina Hamel and Emilia DeMarchis and freshman Jennie Bender for the women both secured second place finishes.

In the Jan. 26 and 27 New Hampshire carnival, Vermont went home with another second place finish.

Freshman Kara Crow finished second in the women's giant slalom and senior Emilia DeMarchis finished third in the women's 5k freestyle.

Senior Carina Hamel finished third in the women's 5k freestyle. Sophomore Katrina Howe was 10th and senior Maile Wade had a 14th place

finish.

Sophomore Anders Folleras finished fifth in the 10k freestyle for men's Nordic competition. Sophomore Juergen Uhl secured a seventh place finish and freshman Jesse Kossiba was 17th.

Freshman Chelsea Lynch recorded a fifth place finish in the GS, while junior Ashley Spina added a 13th place finish of her own.

Sophomore Ethan Korpi finished in seventh place in the giant slalom. Freshman Erik Gilbert ended with an eighth place finish and junior Sam Beck was 14th.

The team finished first in the EISA circuit last season, and hopes to continue such an upstanding performance with a relatively young team.

"It is a building year," junior Greg Hardy said. "Yet our expectations of ending the season with a winning record hasn't changed."

Vermont continues their season next weekend when they will travel to compete in the Dartmouth carnival Feb. 2 and 3.



Junior Greg Hardy cuts a clean line across the pitch in the NCAA Championships last season hosted by Colorado University.



## New Paper On Campus

**Seven Days-type publication to come to UVM as alternative to *The Vermont Cynic***

By LAURA PEDRO  
Senior Staff Writer

A new publication will soon be hitting UVM newsstands. The newspaper, called the *Water Tower*, is the brainchild of UVM senior and english major Hazel Ryerson, who will act as editor in chief, and English and art history double major Elias Altman, who will serve as managing editor.

"The *Water Tower* will be a progressive and humorous paper that will cover national and international issues that effect our generation and the Burlington community, and also be entertaining and useful to UVM students," Ryerson said.

The paper will differ from *The Cynic* in that it does not intend to cover local hard news stories.

"It will serve a very different purpose than *The Cynic*," Ryerson said. "While we are looking to be a humorous paper, we also will have more serious articles like culture criticism and international news analysis," she said.

Ryerson also said, "We think that there is no such thing as a single perfect, unbiased news source," She added that she respects *The Cynic* and what it does.

Ryerson's main goal is to present a paper with an "intelligent, insightful, and progressive perspective" to UVM students. "We want to make a paper that when you read it you're both amused and informed."

Another goal of *The Water Tower* is to be short paper, starting with about eight pages, Ryerson said. "We hope that people will read the whole thing cover to cover in one sitting," she said.

The *Water Tower* will contain articles that are entirely humorous, articles that are entirely serious, and some that are a mixture of the two," Ryerson said.

The *Water Tower* is expected to start printing in two to three weeks. Ryerson said the Web site for

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(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont senior, Chris Holm (54), gets a shot off in Wednesday's double overtime win against UNH. Holm blocked a shot in the second overtime which would have tied the game with only seconds remaining. (See A12)

## UVM Now \$250 Million Richer

**UVM's second major fundraising campaign brings in even more than expected**

By NOAH STAUM  
Senior Staff Writer

Just short of the six years allotted for a \$250 million fundraising campaign—only the second campaign in UVM history—President Fogel announced that on Thursday, Jan. 18, a total of \$250.6 million had been raised, according to the University Communications Web site.

The campaign, which began in July of 2001, according to the Web site, is built on funds allotted to priority categories including students, faculty, facilities, libraries, athletics, Fleming, visiting scholars and unrestricted funds, according to a campaign progress report released by the Department of Development and Alumni Relations.

Outside support and that from the University community involved in the campaign "has positioned the University of Vermont to realize its overarching goal in the years ahead — to become known as the nation's premiere small public research university," Fogel said, according to the University Web site.

According to the report,

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- Tuition for 10,098 out-of-state students for one year
- \$28,529.14 to every UVM undergrad
- 17,912,794 30-racks of Pabst Blue Ribbon
- 1,006,425 30GB video iPods
- 836,120 Double Major Season Passes to Jay Peak and Bolton Valley

over half of the money raised is allotted towards UVM faculty, which is about \$129.3 million.

Money allotted to students—for financial aid, scholarships, etc., comprised the second largest percent of the fund with about \$68.3 million, falling short of the \$105 dollar goal set for the campaign, according to the report.

"What it really boils down to is whatever moneys we give

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## Students Angered at Lack of Hockey Tickets

**University of Vermont's men's hockey tickets are consistently selling out in a few hours**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Senior Staff Writer

Many students, after waking up painfully early to pick up a hockey ticket before their first class, find students' allotment of men's hockey tickets sold out in the wee hours of the morning.

"Hockey has been selling out for years," said Jesse Bridges, who works at the ticket office.

"Student spirit is building and it's an indication that students are getting more interested in the teams," said Bridges. According to Bridges,

es, the last 53 of the men's hockey games have sold out.

The ticket office has allotted 20 percent of its total tickets, or 758 tickets for its student population. These tickets are for four designated sections in the Gutterson Arena.

The ticket office gives the Student Government Association a third of its tickets or about 250 of the 758 tickets for distribution on the main campus.

Bridges added that he has noticed that students have figured out the ticket buying habits of the rest of the student body. The process has become a competition to get to the office earlier, in an effort to beat the other students, who are also scrambling to get tickets early.

Some schools, such as Cornell University, have instituted a selection process for



(Thomas Ford Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

Students fighting over men's hockey tickets. With the team playing well and only several hundred student tickets, it truly is the hottest ticket in town.

their hockey tickets in which groups are given a turn to get in line for season hockey tickets, with numbers being assigned to students by their class.

The University of New Hampshire, a member of Hockey East and rival of UVM,

has seen its student tickets go just as fast. UNH allots 2,000 out of its 6,501 seats for its students.

"This week, standing room only tickets that were put on sale were gone in four min-

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and more...



# Students Plan a Way Out

**Many students find education abroad while studying at UVM**

By DENNIS ROBILLARD

Staff Writer

Over 30 percent of UVM students study abroad during their time at the University, according to UVM International Education director Linda Damon, compared with just 11 percent nationally.

While that percentage includes short-term and summer programs as well as semester or year-long programs, Damon says the reason for the discrepancy is the breadth of options available to UVM students.

Additionally, new UVM-run programs such as the one in Belize make it easier than ever for students to study abroad, including over 700 students in the 2005-2006 academic year.

These options were on full display Wednesday at the Study Abroad Fair as a multitude of flags adorned the columns of Billings student center, and over 30 tables displaying study abroad options from Honduras to Hong Kong.

"Several of the vendors actually had to go back out to their cars to get more information packets because students

were requesting so many," Damon said.

She attributes the excitement of students to the plethora of advantages that come with studying in another country, including having a stronger resume for jobs and graduate programs as well as gaining realworld experience.

"If I'm an animal science major and I go to Latin America to work at a wildlife reserve for a semester, I'm going to have a much stronger resume when applying for vet school," Damon said.

There has been a small decline in the number of students that are opting to study in traditional places such as Western Europe and Australia. This waning, Damon explained, is due to the weakness of the dollar against many foreign currencies.

Europe is still very popular because of "its size, which allows students to see many different cultures in a short time span," Damon said, "but many students have already been to Europe with their families."

However this decline has been met by an increase in students traveling to Africa, Asia and South America.

The difficulty that comes with traveling to these exotic locations as well as a sense of "if not now, never" are two rea-

sons many students choose to do so through a study-abroad program.

Additionally, they are attractive to students because of how far the dollar goes in these less-developed continents.

UVM junior Nat Koloc visited Tanzania, Africa for the spring semester of 2006, "I wanted to go to Tanzania because it seemed different to me, and as an ecology major, the location was ideal, with such unique scenery that offered a lot of interesting experiences," he said.

Damon maintains that while it is a concern, anti-American sentiment is not a problem for students and is not deterring them from studying abroad.

"We had one student during our pre-departure meeting tell us that he told people that he was Canadian to avoid any potential problems," Damon added.

In the end, Damon believes that the strongest case for studying abroad is that this is an era of globalization and students should be concerned with how prepared they are for a new kind of international workplace.

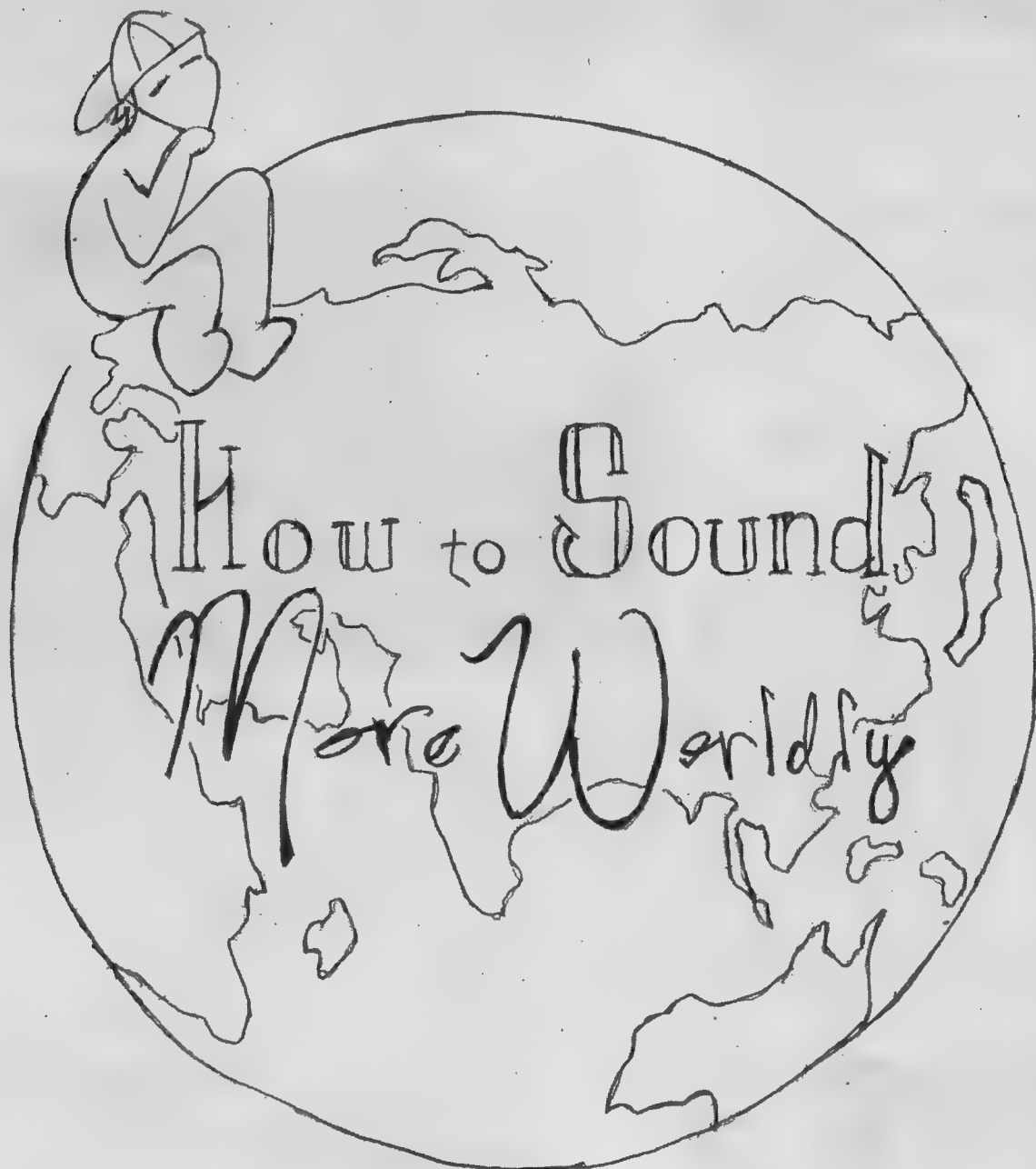
"Students need practice in making themselves comfortable in uncomfortable or foreign locations."



(Jan Thomas Jansen Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

Students abuzz at the study abroad fair in Billings on Jan 31.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • Hugo Chavez granted rule by decree

Jan. 31 — Venezuela's legislature granted Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez the power to rule by decree for 18 months. Critics point to this as moving Venezuela closer to authoritarianism.

### • Truck Bomb Kills Dozens in Baghdad

Feb. 3 — At least 92 people died in what is considered one of the worst single acts of violence in Baghdad since the U.S. invasion.

### • Intelligence report predicts more violence for Iraq

Feb. 2 — A report by America's intelligence agencies predicts sectarian strife will continue to cause violence in Iraq with no end in sight unless bold actions are taken by Iraqi politicians.

### • Boston bomb scare turns out to be ads

Jan. 31 — Boston's recent bomb scare, which led to the closing of interstate highways, subway stations and bridges turned out to be caused by ads that were part of a Turner Broadcasting marketing campaign for the TV show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

### • Texas requires cancer shots for 6th graders

Feb. 2 — Texas is the first to require the shots in the U.S. The shots protect against a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer. All 11 and 12 year old girls entering 6th grade will be required to receive the shot.

### • Bird flu confirmed in Britain

Feb. 3 — A deadly strain of bird flu has been discovered among turkeys at a poultry farm in eastern Britain



# UVM Football...Making a Comeback?

**SGA recognizes a new football club which hopes to become a varsity football team in the future**

By NOAH STAUM  
Cynic Correspondent

The shirt that reads "UVM Football: Undefeated since 1974," might have to be reconsidered, as the Student Government Association (SGA) recently passed a bill to grant recognition to the UVM Football club, according to the SGA Web site.

Speaking in favor of the bill at the Tuesday, Jan. 23 meeting, was freshman student Doug DeLuca, who came-up with the proposal for the club.

The team will need \$26,000 to get started and pay for equipment, but DeLuca says that it will eventually be self-

sustaining, according to the Web site.

The Web site states that the club is hoping to play at the Burlington High School field and will be affiliated with the Northeast Independent Football League (NIFL).

Teams already affiliated with the NIFL include the Mass Fury, Southern Vermont Storm, Central Maine Warriors, Exeter Gamblers and the University of Maine Black Bears, according to the NIFL Web site.

DeLuca says that there has been extensive communication with the Athletic Department and that they fully support having a club football team, according to the SGA Web site.

A coaching position, which DeLuca is confident would be filled, will be completely volunteer, but DeLuca was urged to seek further funding for the club from alumni, according to the Web site.

UVM dropped its then struggling football program in 1974 and thus far has not taken initiative to reinstall the Varsity program, as it would now have to compete at Division I-AA level, according to the NCAA Web site.

This would put a varsity UVM team in league with University of New Hampshire, UMass Amherst, William & Mary and Montana State, who all have developed and settled teams.

Diana Conconubo, who is Chair of the Student Activities Committee, was the one who introduce the bill to grant recognition to the club, according to the SGA Web site.

The Web site has quoted DeLuca as saying that although it may take the University campus some time to warm-up to the idea of a team football club, there is no shortage of talent to play.



(Kensington R. Moore/Vermont Cynic)

Student gets pumped to play football.

## Harry Potter Casts Final Spell

**Final installment of Harry Potter series hits dorm room shelves Jul. 21 to the anguish of many hardcore fans**

By JENNIFER LEHMAN  
Cynic Correspondent

The day many Harry Potter fans have been both dreading and anticipating is almost here. Bloomsbury Press, the publisher for the wildly popular series, has stated that on Jul. 21st, the seventh and final book will be published.

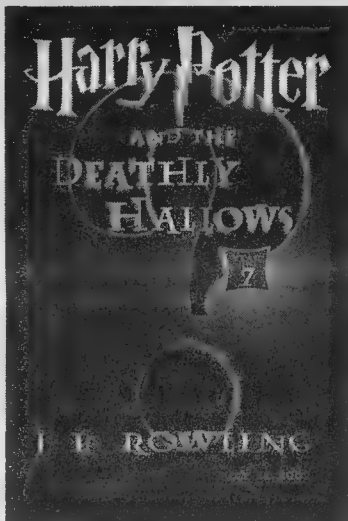
The release of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" will mark the end of a decade long streak of bestsellers for author J.K. Rowling. Her books have become a worldwide sensation, and they have gained a cult-like following.

According to Bloomsbury Press, her latest book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" sold 2,009,574 copies on the first day it was released in the United Kingdom. This has proven to be the fastest selling book of all time.

According to the publisher's website, Rowling's idea for Harry Potter was born 17 years ago on a long train ride from Manchester to King's

Cross, England. Her novels have since earned international acclaim.

To date, the series has sold 325 million copies worldwide and it has been translated into 64 different languages. It is



(Simone LaBonté/Vermont Cynic)

no question that her final book will realize similar success.

Along with the rest of the world, many UVM students eagerly anticipate the release of the final book. "They [the books] give kids the drive to believe what they want to believe," says David Denker.

Other students bashfully admit to being fans. "Harry Potter is alright, I guess. I'm not going to run to the book-

store to buy it, although I did read the first one... OK fine I read the first three," said Rachel Griffin.

Some students took the news of the release of Harry Potter with indifference. "I had the first book read to me and I didn't really like. I'm not a fan of fantasy. I do like the movies, though," said Graidi Ainsworth.

Students already have plans for the release date of the book. "I am totally going to dress up like Dumbledore, except as a zombie Dumbledore," said Alex Offer.

Although this seventh and final book allegedly marks the end of a profound series, some students do not expect J.K. Rowling to stop anytime soon.

"No, I don't think that it is ending. I think she'll round the series off at ten books. No one would shelf such a cash cow like Harry Potter yet, is just stupid. She may be the richest woman in England next to the queen, but she hasn't made [the] top ten richest women in the world yet," said Caleb Sheard.

The author has been asked whether or not there will be an eighth book. "There are questions that I simply can't answer," said Rowling on her website.

## SGA Appoints Five New Senators

**New senators will fill vacancies left by students studying abroad**

By TOM PAYEUR  
Cynic Correspondent

Beaming faces and loud applause accompanied the induction of five new senators into the UVM SGA on Jan. 30.

So who are your new senators?

First to be named is first year John Colin Quinn. "Happy, active, and green," Quinn said when asked to describe himself in three words.

When posed with the question of what he would like to work on most while a senator, Quinn said his primary goal was to create a more green campus.

His idea of the most important skill a senator should have? "To be warm and friendly," Quinn said. "It is so important to be approachable."

Next is sophomore Mike Polansky. Polansky stressed his ability to network with people, stating that he would like to further student-senator relations as UVM's population increases. Public relations is his intended field, Polansky said.

Last of the on-campus inductees is first-year Will Sedlack.

With a clear-cut voice, Sedlack announced his ambition to improve the relationship

between UVM and the city of Burlington.

Becoming a senator is just another step in becoming more involved, Sedlack said. He is also a member of the UVM 2010 Class Council and is a writer for the Vermont Cynic.

Both off-campus inductees are familiar with SGA, having experience as being previous senators.

Junior Kesha Ram was persistent in her idea that UVM is still far off from reaching ultimate diversity acceptance. "I want to help international students feel more welcome," Ram said.

In three words she was ambitious, diverse, and happy. Ram's most important characteristic? "Cultivating the voices that are never heard," said Ram.

Senior Sean Hagan was the last member of the quintet to be inducted. Sean's focus is to "keep open ears" and attach issues affecting students. One example he gave of better connecting students to their senators is through better visibility and advertisement.

On top of the induction of five new senators, SGA also voted on a new change to their constitution. Given the rising number of students, said Academic Affairs Chair Renee Lariviere, representation should be increased.

The change was agreed upon, changing the total number of senators from 40 to 42. This change will not take place until next semester.



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From left: Mike Polansky, William Sedlack, Kesha Ram, John Colin Quinn, Sean Hagan.

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utes," said Robin Drown, who is in charge of UNH's hockey tickets.

"There have been lines going out the door and all the way around the arena for tickets," said Drown.

"This year, the students are doing better than they have in the last seven years," Drown said echoing her UVM counterpart Bridges.

UVM has instituted a ticket policy that provides for first come first serve free tickets for its students. This policy was instituted by the University three years ago, and Bridges feels that it has been a very successful program.

"I like it, the free tickets, and I'm glad we have it," said Jessica Papeika.

However, some UVM student's are frustrated by how quickly tickets are going this year and how hard they are to obtain on Monday. "I think it's bullshit that at 4 p.m. on Monday, tickets are already sold out for a game on Saturday," said EV Hamilton.

"It's annoyingly hard; they seem to sell out way too quickly. Every time I want to go, I've heard they've sold out," said Billy Clark.

Some UVM hockey fans are excited to see how quickly students are getting their tickets for the games and how many fans are showing up to the games. "I think it's a great example of how important the team is to the University," said Conor McArdle.



(Ike Messmore/Vermont Cynic)

Members of the hockey team celebrate after a goal during their sweep of BC two weeks ago. With the team's success, it has been getting harder and harder for students to obtain tickets for hockey games, with tickets now selling out within a day or even less.

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*The Water Tower* should be up and running hopefully the end of next week.

Once it begins printing, *The Water Tower* will be a weekly publication.

Currently the *Water Tower* has over 30 students who are involved, Ryerson said.

Ryerson said that she thinks the same people who read *The Cynic* will also read *The Water Tower*.

Sophomore and psychology major Matt Ronan said that he thinks the new publication sounds like a good idea. "I like when *The Cynic* does national events because its perspective is closer to here. So if that paper is doing that sort of thing it would probably be cool," he said.

Senior John Evans said that he doesn't usually read periodicals for his news, but said he thinks it would be an interesting

idea. "I think a lot of people around campus symbolize that progressive view point and would be into that."

Junior and environmental studies major Krysta Zambroski said she would definitely be interested in reading the *Water Tower*.

"I'm not a huge fan of *The Cynic*. I like to get school stuff in *The Cynic*, but it would be interesting to get a different perspective on national events," Zambroski. She also said that she thinks Burlington has enough small paper, that cover local news.

"I think it [*Water Tower*] could be a tough sell, senior and nutrition major Anthony Epter said. "If it covers international events, it's going to be competing with regular newspaper. That's why *The Cynic* has its niche, because it covers UVM stuff," he said.

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philanthropically to run the place, if there are gaps in terms of what we need to run the institution, that tends to be reflected in tuition because we're so tuition dependant,"

*"The donors call the shots in terms of where your money goes, so you never really know how it's going to come out."*

- Tom Gustafson, Vice President of Student and Campus Life

said Tom Gustafson, the vice president of Student and Campus Life and former vice president of Development and

Alumni Relations.

Another way to look at it is that the more money that we raise, the less rapidly tuition has to increase."

Goals were set at the beginning of the campaign in terms of the amount of money raised in each priority category and only two of them, faculty and unrestricted funds, were met and exceeded, according to the report.

"The donors call the shots in terms of where your money goes, so you never really know how it's going to come out.

"You have hopes and you try and steer people in different directions...[but] you have to go with the donor's wishes," Gustafson said.

Gustafson says that the campaign has come long way since its beginnings in 2001.

"This campaign was

planned and designed before Dan Fogel was president. And in the meantime, I think, Dan has come in with a much more expansive vision for the University in terms of numbers of students, in terms of facilities, in terms of quality," he said.

In some ways, this campaign was designed before we knew the direction, the very excellent direction, that Dan has been taking the place."

Gustafson mentioned plans for another fundraising campaign, which would support renovations of buildings such as Patrick Gymnasium and Gutterson, but said that it is uncertain as to whether the University will take a break or continue uninterrupted in June.

# We've moved.

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## **Writers, photographers and designers needed**

The Cynic is now looking for new writers and photographers. All interested people should contact Cynic Managing Editor Austin Danforth at [eadanfor@uvm.edu](mailto:eadanfor@uvm.edu)

We are also seeking design artists for production. All interested people should contact Design Editor Lily March at [lmarch@uvm.edu](mailto:lmarch@uvm.edu)

To get started right away, begin attending our staff meetings every Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Marsh Lounge in the Billings Student Center.







# Letters to the Editor

## Healthy Criticism

## A Golden Catastrophe

Currently, there are very few issues more portentous and divisive in America than the war in Iraq. At present, the most important matter on the table is our current direction in Iraq.

Some, including myself, cannot foresee the current problems in Iraq being solved militarily and support a gradual, tactical withdrawal of troops from the region. Others still see hope in a military solution, and support president Bush's recent plan to include an additional 21,500 troops in Iraq to ensure security and stabilize what is clearly a deteriorating situation.

These disagreements are only natural in a republic like the United States, which allows free speech and open debate...or maybe not.

With the newly Democratic Congress, along with several moderate Republicans, challenging the president's plan for additional troops, the Bush administration and many other conservatives have argued that opposition to the president's plan in this time of war undermines the president's authority as commander-in-chief and emboldens the enemy.

This claim is more than a subtle implication: it is tantamount to declaring a moratorium on open dialogue which may contain arguments that oppose the Bush administration's policy.

Since when are we not allowed to speak our minds?

Open dialogue and free speech is an essential part of what makes our country great, and the White House and many other conservatives are trying to undermine that very fabric of our free society.

Who knows how much longer and how many more Americans would have died in Vietnam if it was not for the vociferous opposition of those in the anti-war crowd. And how in the world can the American people buy into the idea of bipartisanship when our current administration and its apologists in Congress admonish those who disagree with them for subverting their own country?

All Americans have the right to state their opinion on the war, and are in no way endangering the United States by "emboldening" the enemy or "undermining" the military. As someone against the troop buildup, I fully respect the right of those in support of it to have their own opinions and divulge them publicly.

Those who oppose the buildup are not being subversive; rather, they are using their observations about the war to draw rational conclusions and solutions which they believe would be in the best interest of their country.

Perhaps President John F. Kennedy stated this idea best when he said, "Without debate, without criticism, no administration and no country can succeed - and no republic can survive." Apparently, none of this is of much concern to our administration.

NATHAN GONDELMAN, CLASS OF 2009

Between semesters, I spent two weeks in Anchorage as an intern for the Renewable Resources Coalition (RRC), the non-profit organization leading the fight against the proposed Pebble Mine. Alaska is a pro-development state, but many Alaskans see more wealth in their salmon fisheries and crystal waters than in the biggest gold mine in North America.

Bristol Bay is known for the world's cleanest water, and the largest and last pure salmon runs. Millions of salmon travel to spawn in Iliamna Lake every year which is just south of the proposed mine site.

The \$400 million salmon industry supports 17,570 jobs in commercial and sport fisheries, funded by 65,000 tourists each year. The salmon's existence, the fishing industry and the area's culture are at stake.

The Canadian company that filed the mining claim is Northern Dynasty Mines (NDM). They want to begin in 2011, and remain for 30 to 60 years, but they're still going through the permit process. They claim they can mine responsibly, but hard rock mining at its best will still endanger the fish, ecosystem and culture. Hard rock mining is the number one source of toxin releases in America.

If approved and constructed, Pebble will cover 20 square miles, consisting of a two-mile open pit mine, 1,600 feet deep. A new power plant, an industrial road and pipeline will stretch miles allowing passage and mineral transport, certain to allow spills and leaks.

Lastly, there will be four giant earthen dams, one of which will be the largest dam in North America towering 740 feet and 4.3 miles long. Another will

be 700 feet tall by 2.9 miles, and two others will be 400 feet and 175 feet tall. The function of each is to hold back toxic cyanide tailing pools subject to leaks.

It is an irresponsible location for a mine of such proportion to disrupt precious native land. "social license" is a mining term representing the agreement of local populations. However, polls indicate 70 percent of the local people are against the mine, and are afraid to lose their history of subsistence hunting.

Pro-mining Alaskan senator Ted Stevens is opposed even though there is over \$150 billion underground. RRC is not an anti-mining organization, but speaks on behalf of the natives and their salmon (who cannot).

The current gold mining tax is only 0.7 percent; while oil mining is 20 percent, and raising the taxes may be a method to halt the mine.

The Bristol Bay Protection Pledge published in this month's National Jeweler, turning this into an international issue by asking jewelry companies to vow not to deal in Pebble gold. Since gold isn't an everyday commodity, many consumers want to know the social and environmental ethical purity of their gold, and the treatment of the miners who unearthed it.

When you build something so colossal next to something so precious, fish-kill, erosion, ground water damage and chemical releases are bound to happen in the future.

This being the mecca of fisheries, I hope we can keep it holy, so all fishermen can make their pilgrimage.

RYAN HEADLEY, CLASS OF 2009

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## How to Be a Radical

If TV has taught me anything (and it has), it's that moderate or balanced political and social beliefs are SO last century. Anybody of any worth, a criteria to be judged by whether or not one has their own show, knows that in order to be intelligent and worth listening to, you must choose a side of the political spectrum and stick with it, no matter what the outcome. So here are a few simple, easy-to-use steps to becoming a radical.



First, choose a party. This part is easy; you're either a Republican or a Democrat. All you need to know about Republicans is that they are God-fearing, gay-fearing, pro-war Southerners. And all Democrats are godless, latte-loving, hippie northerners. If you're having trouble choosing, or just want to have a little fun, try flipping a coin.

Remember, it doesn't really matter which side you choose, so long as you always loudly and angrily defend your party while defiantly rejecting the platforms of the other.

Second, find someone on TV who agrees with your party, and do every single thing they say. TV is great. It's filled with smart people, with smart ideas, telling you how to be smart yourself. You can even find whole smart networks of people who think just like you!

Try Fox News or CNN to start with, but don't feel like you have to keep watching if there's something boring on - like yet another speech by yet another guy in yet another suit.

I find that MTV, E!, and even the Game Show Network can all be just as entertaining and informative as cable news networks, and channel surfing is fun!

Third, never mix and match. You wouldn't throw your dark laundry in with your whites, would you? Neither should you mix political views. There are no shades of grey allowed in politics.

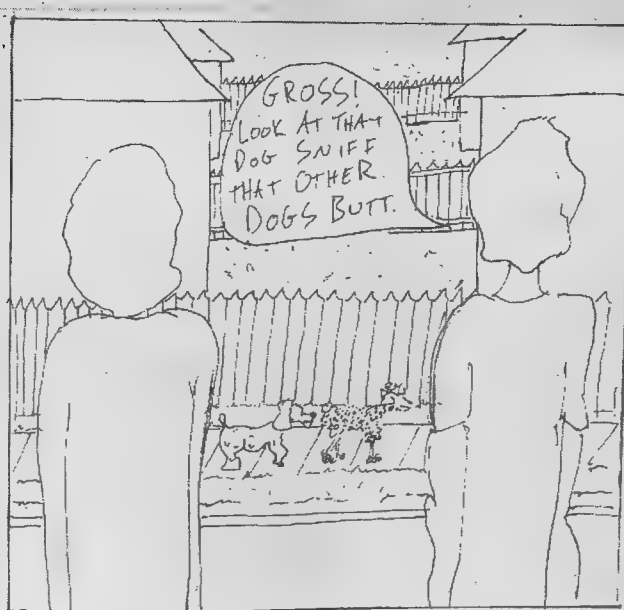
Like guns? Then you should be arguing for your constitutional guarantee to carry around that rocket-launcher you cobbled together in your basement, or better yet, bring it into hospitals and amusement parks!

Just like old Dubya said, "You're either with us or against us."

Finally, always remember that there is only one side to every issue: your side. Everybody who thinks differently than you (it could be 90 percent of the population) is wrong and foolish; so wrong in fact, that you don't even need to consider their arguments. So don't.

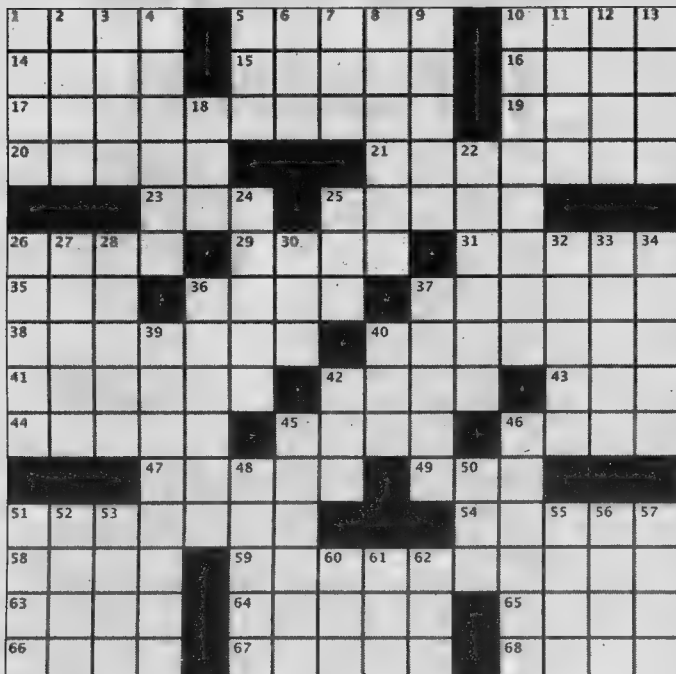
I find the best arguing strategy is to simply yell my opinions at the top of my lungs. Not only does that get my point across really well, but it tends to drown out my opponent.

Keep these few simple steps in mind, and you too can become the edgy, status-quo bucking radical that you've always aspired to be. It's what all the cool kids are doing, right?





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10- MELODY  
14- FIRST-CLASS  
15- PLAYING MARBLE  
16- SUDDEN EXPLOSIVE NOISE  
17- THE SIGN (?)  
19- AGAINST  
20- SLOW, MUSICALLY  
21- VERSION  
23- BEFORE  
25- RENDEZVOUS  
26- MOVABLE BARRIER  
29- EPIC NARRATIVE POEM  
31- HIGHWAYS, E.G.  
35- DARYA (ASIAN RIVER)  
36- RADIOGRAPH  
37- MAGISTRATE  
38- CENSURE  
40- BODY OF PEERS  
41- ARM COVER  
42- DARK CLOUD  
43- CENTRAL  
44- TURKISH PALACE  
45- CHICKEN, E.G.  
46- DRUNKARDS  
47- ON THE UP-AND-UP, BRIEFLY  
49- BECOME FIRM  
51- A STRUCTURAL GENE  
54- PREPARES FOR BILLIARDS  
58- POSITIONS

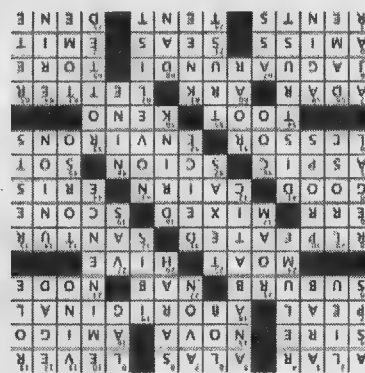
59- MALE SERVANT  
63- SMALLEST COMPONENT  
64- RUN AWAY TO GET MARRIED  
65- FENCING SWORD  
66- CROWN OF THE HEAD  
67- ROYAL  
68- OOZE

## DOWN

1- False god  
2- Thick cord  
3- Soon  
4- Exam taker  
5- Automotive vehicle  
6- Gone by  
7- Soft food for infants  
8- Not us  
9- Destitute  
10- Slaughterhouse  
11- Title bestowed upon the wife of a raja  
12- Excited about  
13- Not fer  
18- Rocky hilltop  
22- Sharon's land  
24- Strange and mysterious  
25- Plaything  
26- Unit of magnetic field strength  
27- Plentiful  
28- Thick fleshy underground stem  
30- Cushion  
32- Budget alternative  
33- Toe or finger

34- Sows  
36- Spanish Jesuit missionary  
37- Ringing instruments  
39- Actual time  
40- Animal foot  
42- Cooking container  
45- End  
46- Used in building casks  
48- Private Pyle  
50- Be human  
51- Applaud  
52- Very small quantity  
53- Nae sayer?  
55- Headland  
56- Leg joint  
57- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door  
60- Beverage made with beaten eggs  
61- Mineral spring  
62- Long, thin snake-like fish

## SOLUTION FROM LAST WEEK

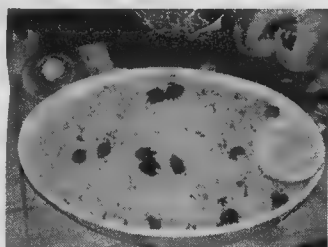


We apologize to readers for last week's mistake. The 'Down' and 'Across' headings were mistakenly switched. Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com (<http://www.best-crosswords.com>). Used with permission.

## College Gourmet

## Deuce Deuce Couscous

- 3 cups water
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 2/12 cups plain couscous
- juice from 1/2 lemon
- dash of white wine



Cook the onion in butter until soft and translucent. When the onion is done, add the water, raisins, and chicken broth- boil. Meanwhile, toast the almonds in a 350 degree oven. When the liquid is boiling, add the couscous. Stir with a fork and let sit for 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, add the almonds, lemon, and wine. Fluff with a fork and serve.

The almonds can burn easily, so keep an eye on them.

Remember to look for organic and local ingredients!

## Sudoku

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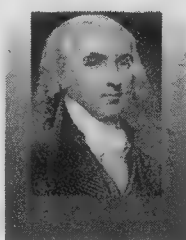
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## The Odd Couple

BY TONY ZWICH  
OHMYGOD! DID YOU HEAR THAT AFROMAN IS COMING TO LVM?



NO DID YOU JUST HEAR THAT? WHAT?



THOSE GIRLS ARE, LIKE, SERIOUS AFROMAN FANS



AFROMAN'S A JOKE DUDE...



THAT'S LIKE BEING A HUGE "WHO LET THE DOGS OUT" FAN!





## Racial Barriers Broken in Professional Sports

After one of the country's largest sporting events, two African-Americans are written into sports history, highlighting the long journey for racial equality in professional sports

By NICK DECARO  
Staff Writer

Okay, so it is safe to say that we can now put the "African-American head coaches can't be successful in the NFL" cliché to bed. Super Bowl XLI features two of the best coaches in the NFL today. News flash! They are both African-American, and one of them is going to become the first African-American head coach to win a Super Bowl in its 41 year history.

While both coaches are making their Super Bowl debuts, it is hardly the first time they have achieved success. Actually, Tony Dungy has been one of the most successful head coaches in his 11 years at the helm with Tampa Bay and Indianapolis.

In fact, he is the winningest head coach since 1999 with an impressive 97-41 record in that span. Yes—that's better than ANY other coach including the likes of: Bill Parcells, Joe Gibbs, Mike Holmgren, Bill Cowher and even Bill Belichick.

Dungy lifted Tampa Bay out of the obscurity and failure that is all the franchise had ever known and led them to the playoffs four times in six years before jumping to Indianapolis in 2002.

He has successfully guided the Colts to the playoffs in each of his five seasons there, and into their first Super Bowl since a guy named Johnny Unitas lead the Colts to their only Super Bowl win 36 years ago, when they were still in Baltimore.

While it can never hurt to have Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne on your team, Dungy has undertaken the task of resurrecting one of the NFL's worst defenses in recent years.

Though they are not a top ten caliber defense yet, they have really stepped it up when it mattered most in the playoffs—a testament to Dungy and his unique "Tampa 2" defense that he devised when he was the head coach in Tampa Bay with defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin and then linebackers coach Lovie Smith.

Small world, huh? Smith is in his third year as head coach of the Chicago Bears, highlighted by one of the league's top defenses, captained by All-Pro linebacker Brian Urlacher and perhaps the best example of a rollercoaster quarterback in the NFL, Rex Grossman.

Grossman's story is neither here nor there; this is about Coach Smith's rise through the ranks of coach-

ing to reaching its peak: The Super Bowl.

After coming to Chicago in 2004, Smith led the Bears to the playoffs last year and this year and on his way to the Super Bowl, claimed Coach of the Year honors.

This coming April will mark the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball. It is amazing to look at how far the sports world has come in racial equality since then, and even more amazing when you consider at how much farther there is still to go.

In 2006 there were only seven African-American head coaches, two of which, Art Shell and Dennis Green, were fired, but with Mike Tomlin recently named head coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers and both Ron Rivera and Mike Singletary candidates for the Dallas Cowboys job it is possible their will be no decline.

Rest assured there is slow but steady progress being made within the coaching ranks with many thanks going to Steelers owner Dan Rooney who was behind the implementation of the aptly named "Rooney rule," which requires teams to interview at least one minority candidate when looking for a new head coach.

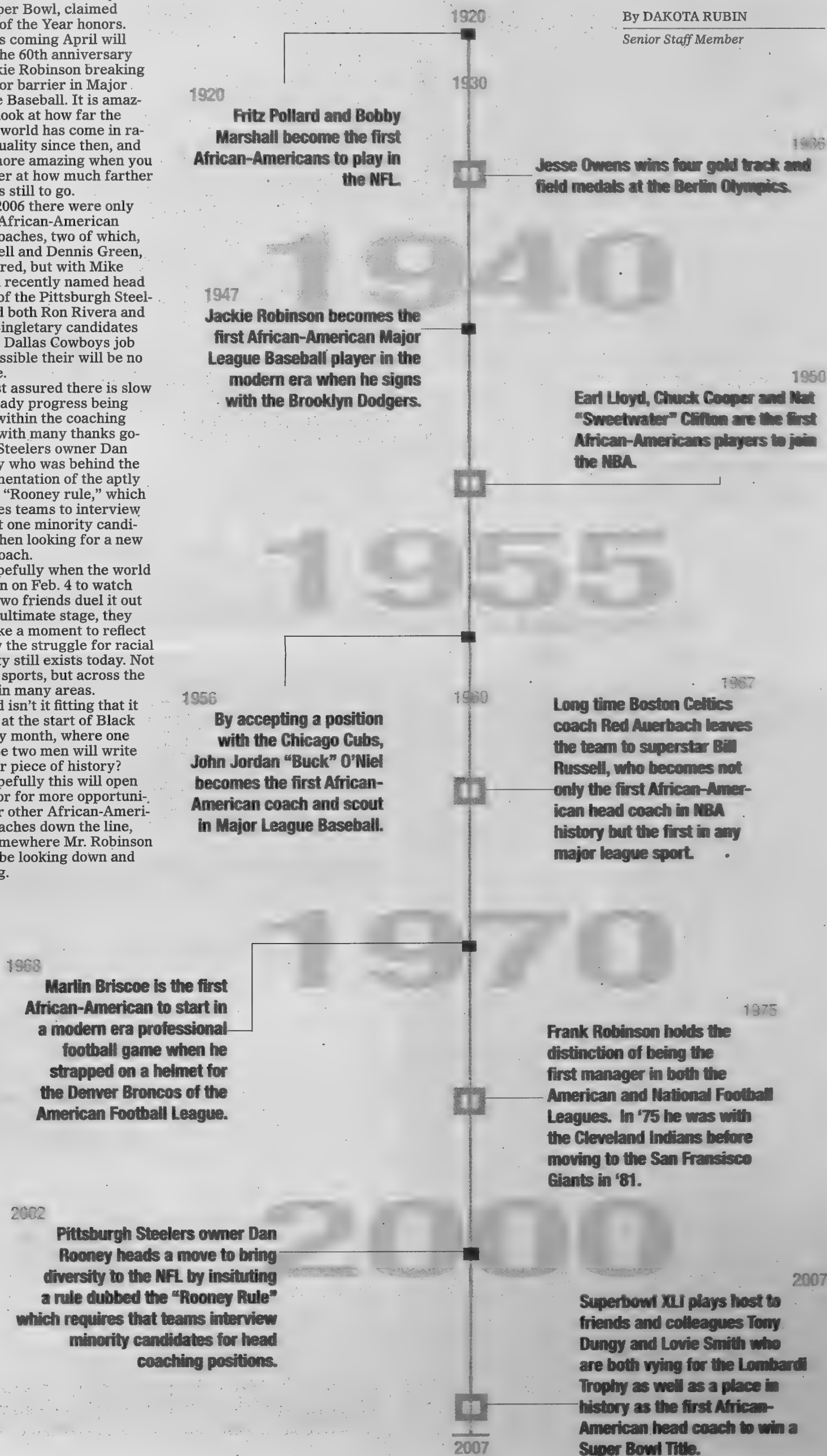
Hopefully when the world tunes in on Feb. 4 to watch these two friends duel it out on the ultimate stage, they will take a moment to reflect on how the struggle for racial equality still exists today. Not just in sports, but across the world in many areas.

And isn't it fitting that it comes at the start of Black History month, where one of these two men will write another piece of history?

Hopefully this will open the door for more opportunities for other African-American coaches down the line, and somewhere Mr. Robinson has to be looking down and smiling.

## African-American Athletes in History

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Senior Staff Member





# Cats' Steinhagen Cracks Up Competition

**After cementing his legacy with two school records in his name, Sean Steinhagen can relax and face the hurdles of life ahead of him**

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Staff Writer

Do not let his recent record-breaking performances in the Terrier Invitational fool you. Sure, UVM senior Track and Field star Sean Steinhagen etched his name atop the school record books for both the mile (4:08.35) and 500m events (1:06.10), but the true essence of the Portland, Maine native reaches far beyond his championed athletic prowess. For the recent Athlete of the Week, the exposure that trails his achievements allows him to showcase another unparalleled talent: a champion sense of humor.

"I initially got into track and field for the same reasons everyone does, the girls, the money and the fame. When I was younger I played lots of different sports but the thing that separated me from everyone else was being faster, so track made the most sense."

Steinhagen certainly made the right decision. After

spending his freshman year at the University of Maine, the comedic jester wasted no time in taking UVM track and field by storm, earning team MVP honors for the past two seasons. Coupled with his superb performance thus far, the already 800m and 1500m school record holder has only added to his legend. So, what is it like to be the Steve Prefontaine of UVM?

"Just imagine walking to class and having 100 people know you by name. It feels phenomenal."

So, Wonderboy, what is the secret of your powers? One might imagine that the biology/pre-med major had gone Doc Brown on the competition and derived the chemical formula for the flux capacitor. Instead, Steinhagen's secret weapon is simply a staple of Billy Madison's bag lunch.

"I have to eat a Chewy granola bar every hour before my race."

Magic potion aside, Steinhagen owes a great deal of his success to the superb insight and guidance received from his Bill Belichickian mentor. Joe Gingras, an assistant coach for Matt Belfield, has been Steinhagen's greatest influence. The special connection can be seen even amidst Steinhagen's great admiration for The Anchorman and modest but highly sincere shout out to parents

Paul and Mary.

"Joe Gingras, my coach, is everything I want to be. I also look up to Ron Burgandy. My family is swell too."

All the records? Give them to Gingras and the 'rents. Steinhagen graciously credits his teammates and strives to deflect the spotlight of his record setting achievements in favor of those most special to him.

"Having strong individual performances is great, but they don't mean anything alone. We have a great team that continues to get better. The best part about it is it makes my family proud of me and makes coach Joe Gingras look like even more of a stud than he already is."

For now, Steinhagen has his sights set on opening up a can [of granola bars] on the fast approaching Yale Invitational (Feb. 2-3). After that? Who knows what the future has in store for the four-time High School Individual Maine State Champion. Still, there is one thing you can count on Steinhagen to do: approach the hurdles of life ahead of him with his trademark sense of humor.

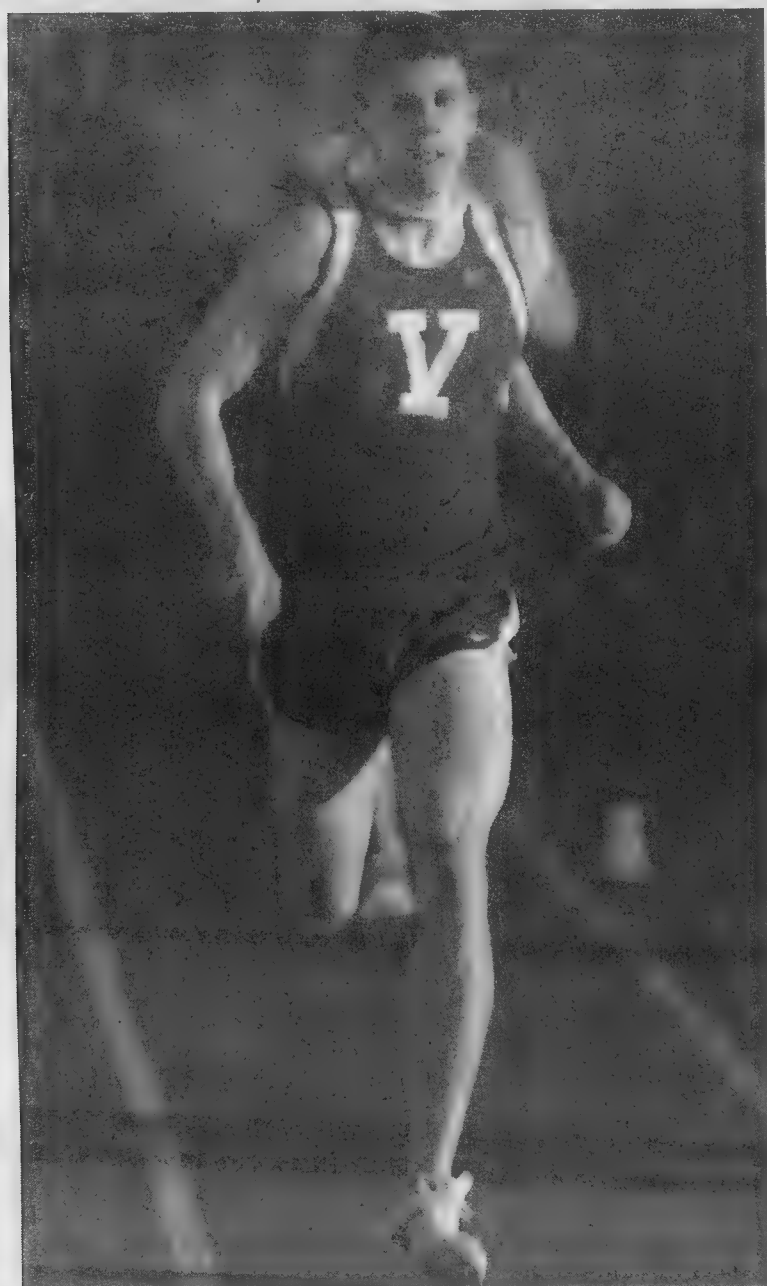
"If I stay healthy and continue to progress, I hope to qualify for the 2008 U.S. Olympic trials. After college I plan on going into the healthcare field. If that doesn't work out I'll do my best to marry a rich girl."

# Cats Place Second in Home Carnival



(Colorado University/Athletic Communications)

**Junior Zac Brown finished second in the Giant Slalom in the Vermont Winter Carnival, the best finish for UVM of the weekend. Vermont placed second to Dartmouth with 631 points. Brown earned All American honors in the Giant Slalom at last year's NCAA Championships for his eighth place finish. Vermont continues Feb. 9 and 10 at the Dartmouth Carnival.**



(Bill DiLillo/UVM Photography)

Steinhagen broke two school records: the mile (4:08.35) and 500m events (1:06.10).

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## THIS WEEK AT UVM (2.6-2.12)

Wednesday (2.7)

Men's Basketball vs. UNH (7p.m. TV-CN8)  
Women's Basketball vs. Boston U. (7p.m.)

Thursday (2.8)

Swimming @ A-East Championships  
Men's Basketball vs. UMBC (7p.m.)

Friday (2.9)

Swimming @ A-East Championships  
Skiing @ Dartmouth Carnival (9a.m.)  
Track @ Yale. (4p.m.)  
Men's Hockey @ Maine (7:30p.m. - NESN)

Saturday (2.10)

Swimming @ A-East Championships  
Skiing @ Dartmouth Carnival (9a.m.)  
Track @ Kane Invitational - Cornell (10a.m.)  
Women's Basketball @ Hartford (2p.m.)  
Women's Hockey vs. Maine (2p.m.)  
Men's Hockey @ Maine (8p.m. - CSTV)

Sunday (2.11)

Swimming @ A-East Championships  
Women's Hockey vs. Maine (2p.m.)  
Men's Basketball @ Albany (2p.m.)

## SNOW REPORT (2.6-2.12)

Stay in school or hit the slopes?

...Grading Rubric Below...

Tuesday (2.6) A-

Few snow showers and wind

0°/-7°

Wednesday (2.7) B

Few snow showers

4°/-8°

Thursday (2.8) A

Partly cloudy

10°/-3°

Friday (2.9) A-

Mostly cloudy

16°/-1°

Saturday (2.10) A

Partly cloudy

10°/0°

Sunday (2.11) B

Sunny

15°/3°

Monday (2.12) A-

Mostly sunny

20°/6°

Rubric: A+ = don't miss out

B = well worth it

C = why not?

## LAST WEEK (1.30-2.4)

Men's Basketball

16-6 (8-1 A-East)  
vs. UNH (1.31)  
UVM 36-29-8-9 - 82  
UNH 24-41-8-6 - 79

Women's Basketball

15-6 (5-2 A-East)  
vs. UMBC (1.31)  
UVM 29-17 - 46  
UMBC 20-18 - 38

Men's Hockey

15-9-4 (10-5-4 Hockey East)  
vs. Providence (2.2)  
UVM 1-2-0 - 3  
Providence 0-1-1 - 2  
vs. Providence (2.3)  
UVM 1-0-0 - 1  
Providence 2-1-1 - 4

Women's Hockey

3-18-2 (1-10-1 Hockey East)  
@ Providence (2.3)  
UVM 0-1-0 - 1  
Providence 1-1-3 - 5  
@ Providence (2.4)  
UVM  
Providence

Swimming &amp; Diving

11-5 (3-1 A-East) ldl

Skiing

UVM Carnival (2.2-2.3) 2nd Place  
Dartmouth 634  
UVM 631  
Middlebury 596  
UNH 531  
Bates 409  
Williams 406  
St. Lawrence Univ. 401  
Colby 388  
Harvard 186  
St. Michael's 154  
Bowdoin 105CONFERENCE  
STANDINGS

A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont	16-6 (8-1)
2. Albany	16-7 (9-2)
3. Boston U.	9-12 (6-3)
4. Maine	11-12 (6-5)
5. UMBC	9-15 (5-6)
6. New Hampshire	8-16 (4-7)
7. Hartford	9-14 (3-7)
8. Binghamton	10-13 (3-8)
9. Stony Brook	8-15 (3-8)

A-East Women's Basketball

1. Hartford	14-7 (7-1)
2. Stony Brook	11-9 (7-1)
3. Vermont	15-6 (5-3)
4. Maine	10-10 (4-5)
5. Binghamton	8-14 (4-5)
6. UMBC	10-11 (3-5)
7. New Hampshire	8-13 (3-6)
8. Albany	7-15 (3-8)
9. Boston U.	10-11 (2-6)

Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	15-3-1 (31 pts)
2. Boston U.	10-4-7 (27 pts)
3. Vermont	10-5-4 (24 pts)
4. Boston Coll.	11-8-1 (24 pts)
5. UMass	10-7-2 (22 pts)
6. Maine	10-8-1 (21 pts)
7. Northeastern	7-10-4 (18 pts)
8. Providence	6-12-1 (13 pts)
9. UMass Lowell	3-14-3 (9 pts)
10. Merrimack	3-14-2 (8 pts)

Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	12-1-1 (25 pts)
2. Boston Coll.	12-5-0 (24 pts)
3. Providence	9-2-3 (20 pts)
4. Connecticut	10-4-1 (21 pts)
5. Boston U.	7-7-2 (16 pts)
6. Maine	2-11-2 (6 pts)
7. Northeastern	2-13-2 (6 pts)
8. Vermont	1-12-1 (3 pts)

Roger Federer:  
Tennis' Tiger

I'm going to stick to my guns. I've said it before and I'll say it again, Tiger Woods is the chosen one, but, yeah, his buddy Roger Federer might be too.

Anyone paying attention to sports in the last couple of weeks could not have missed their respective and resounding victories; Tiger won at the Buick Invitational, again, and Federer won at the Australian Open again.

At Torrey Pines, Tiger extended his own streak, which started with his win at the 2006 British Open, to seven straight PGA Tour victories. He didn't lap the field and run away with the tournament, but he won with the trophy basically in hand — there was little doubt among those watching his back nine that he'd fail to win.

Federer, meanwhile, won the first leg of the 2007 Grand Slam without losing a single set. He

*This is the second time Federer has won three consecutive Grand Slam titles.*

didn't lose one set in the entire Australian Open. That hasn't happened since Bjorn Borg at the 1980 French Open.

As if that weren't enough, in his 11 Grand Slam final appearances (he's 10-1) he has only dropped five sets.

Sounds a lot like Tiger's unconscious stretch in 2000-2001 to me.

This most recent win makes it three Grand Slam titles in a row for Federer — he is the current champion at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open. This is the second time Federer has won three consecutive Grand Slam titles.

A win at the French Open in May and Federer would hold all four Grand Slam titles.

Shades of a Tiger Slam, anyone?

At age 25, Federer sits tied for fifth place in career Grand Slam titles, with 10. He's tenth all-time in career wins, with 46. Very Tiger-like statistics, indeed.

Oh and by the way, Federer has not lost in any of his last 36 matches.

So, to recap our streak: Tiger has 7, Roger has 36.

We could debate semantics — every time Woods goes out he is competing against over 100 golfers in every tournament and Federer only has one opponent each match — but these numbers are like apples and oranges. All in all, it would be self-defeating, like comparing a big, scary, long-haired dog with an equally big, equally scary, short-haired dog.

I may not be a tennis aficionado, but I do know what domination and greatness look like — those are two attributes that translate easily throughout sports — but it is plain to see that Woods and Federer have them in abundance.

Now, the most interesting part of this star-studded duel is waiting to see who flinches, and loses first.

Providence Ices Men's  
Hockey's Unbeaten Streak

#14 Vermont splits Providence College in front of Gutterson Fieldhouse's 52 and 53 straight sellout crowds to end the Cats' eight game unbeaten streak

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

On a wintry Friday night, the men's ice hockey team rewarded those who braved the treacherous weather by sinking Hockey East adversary the Providence College Friars 3-2.

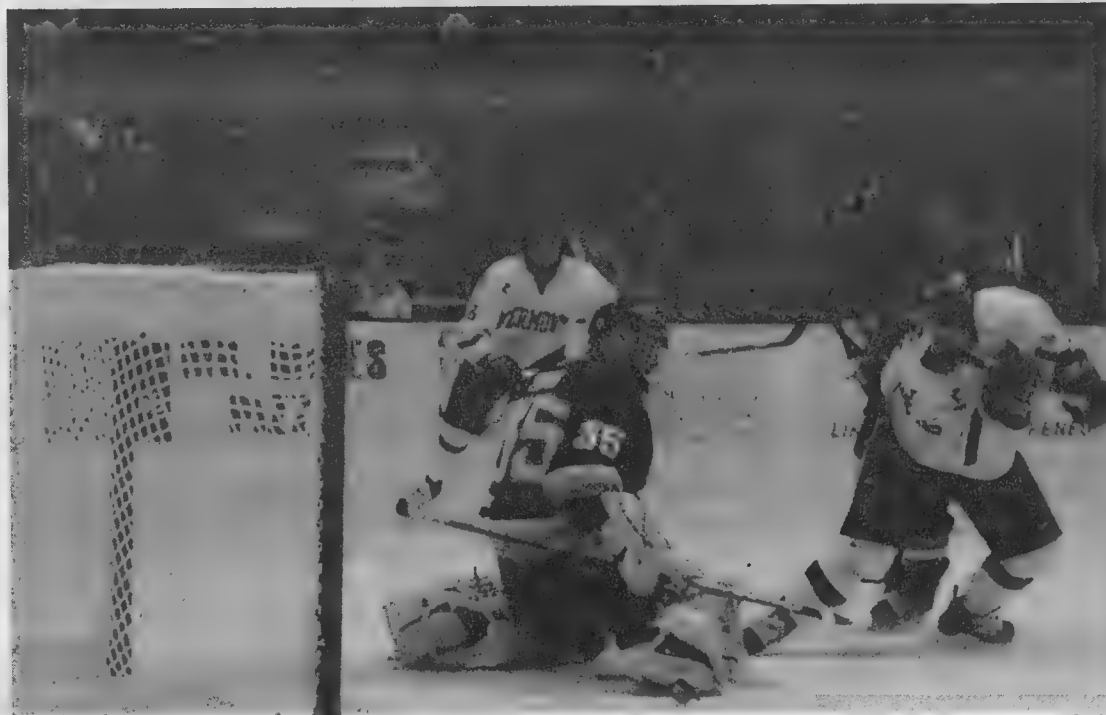
In front of the Gut's 52 straight sellout crowd, the Cats relied heavily on a dominant special teams performance to extend their nation best unbeaten streak to seven games (4-0-3).

Thanks to power-play goals from sophomore Corey Carlson, junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell and freshman Colin Vock, the #14 Cats improved their overall record on the season to 15-8-4 (10-4-4 Hockey East).

The Cats quickly jumped out to a 1-0 lead at 6:45 of the first period. Capitalizing on a Friar interference penalty, Carlson one-timed a beautiful pass from freshman Brian Roloff past Friar goaltender Tyler Sims for his 8 strike of the year.

Despite being outshot 8-7, UVM carried the 1-0 lead into the second stanza.

The Cats nearly took a 2-0 advantage midway through the second, but sophomore Kyle Kuk's partial break-



(Ian T. Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Dean Strong (8) skates for a rebound in Friday night's game against Providence.

away bid sailed high of Sims' net.

Desperate to shift momentum, Providence's Jon Rheault tied the game with a gorgeous backhanded break-away goal at 12:56.

However, with just three minutes remaining in the period, the Cats converted on another man advantage to retake the lead, 2-1.

Mitchell fired a rocket from the right point that deflected off a Friar defenseman and past Sims for his 11 goal of the year and 99 career point.

With under a minute remaining in the second and again on the power play, an opportunistic Vock pounced on a lively rebound from sophomore Peter Lenes' shot and gave UVM a seemingly

commanding 3-1 lead.

However, at 7:22 of the third, a shorthanded break-away goal from Colin McDonald pulled PC to within one at 3-2. Luckily for the raucous Catamount fans, this score would stick.

Fallon, who was recently named a Hobey Baker Award finalist, finished with 20 saves to earn his 45 career victory, tying him for third place on UVM's all-time list.

"We challenged the guys this week. We talked about how in several of our games we haven't achieved our power play goal," said Cats' head coach Kevin Sneddon. "I think that got us fired up a little bit. A lot of different players did a nice job for us tonight."

**Saturday Feb. 3**  
UVM v Providence College  
Gutterson Fieldhouse 7 p.m.

Providence 4 - Vermont 1

Providence 7-18-1  
Vermont 15-9-4

Score By Periods  
Providence: 2 - 1 - 1 - 4  
Vermont: 1 - 0 - 0 - 1

Power Plays  
Providence: 0 / 5  
Vermont: 1 / 2

Shots on Goal  
Providence: 7 - 9 - 8 - 24  
Vermont: 7 - 7 - 6 - 20

Penalties/Minutes  
Providence: 3 / 6  
Vermont: 6 / 12





# Double OT Nets Win for Basketball



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Senior Martin Kilmes (20) dunks in Wednesday night's game against New Hampshire. Kilmes is in fifth place all-time in school history for his 115 games played and matched a season-high with the 12 points he recorded in the game.

**A second OT rally and a pair of missed jumpers by UNH lifted the Catamounts over the Wildcats to secure Vermont's first place America East standings**

By KAT WILLIAMS

*Cynic Correspondent*

The men's basketball team fought, and kept their number one America East standing on Wednesday, Jan. 31, with a win against the Wildcats of UNH 82-79.

In the first half, senior forward Chris Holm went 5 for 5 in the paint, scoring 10 of his 24 points as well as pulling down some tremendous rebounds on both ends of the court.

Sophomore Mike Trimboli and junior Kyle Cieplicki both knocked down two three-pointers and field goals, adding a combined 16 points to the first half score.

The 36-24 lead at the end of the first half was the largest Vermont would have for the rest of the game.

UNH's Blagoj Janev and Tyrece Gibbs rallied the Wildcats to a comeback, scoring the first nine points of the second half, and tying the score 40-40 with 6:40 left in the game.

A three-point shot from Gibbs would put the Wildcats ahead with 2:20 left in the second half.

After four lead changes the Cat's were down, but Trimboli hit a layup with 13 seconds left in regulation.

UNH's Jermaine Anderson had a chance to win it for the Wildcats, but missed a jumper

with one second left, bringing the game into its first overtime period.

Vermont trailed by four in the first overtime with 2:13 left on the clock. Junior Chad Powlovich then hit a pair of free throws with 52 seconds left and Holm's layup 30 seconds later tied the game at 73.

Anderson had another chance to score the winning basket for the Wildcats, but his jumper missed again and brought both teams into a second overtime.

In the second overtime, Holm and Trimboli led the Cats, outscoring UNH 9-6.

With five seconds left, Vermont led 80-79. America East Player of the Game, Janev was left open under the basket, but Holm came up with a huge block, leaving Janev on the floor and Trimboli with the rebound.

Trimboli was fouled with .3 seconds left on the clock, and sank two foul shots to secure the win for Vermont, 82-79.

"The second half was a real chess match after UNH came back, but I thought we did a great job getting the ball in to Martin Kilmes and [Holm]," Coach Mike Lonergan said after the game.

Holm was named player of the game for Vermont and recorded a double-double, with 24 points and 18 rebounds.

Trimboli added 26 points, five rebounds and six assists while senior Martin Kilmes scored 12 and Cieplicki recorded 10.

"I think the crowd helped us and I hope they come back Monday," Lonergan said.

Janev led the Wildcats with 26 points in the contest.

The Cats, now 8-1 in America East, will take on Boston University at Patrick Gym at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5.

## Sophomore Grinds at Giants' Jam

UVM Snowboard Team member, sophomore Celia Johnson gets low for a nosepress at the Princeton Ski Shop Rail Jam held at Giants Stadium on Dec. 22, 2006. Johnson placed second at the Killington Rails to Riches rail jam and first in the USASA Open Class Slopestyle at Bolton Valley on Jan. 27, 2007. She has been training for the U.S. Open held at Stratton Mountain Resort in Stratton, Vt. this March. Johnson is sponsored by the UVM Snowboard Team, Liquid Boardwear, 802 Snow and Skate and has been featured in *Snowboarder* magazine.

(Jake Grossman-Christ/UVM Snowboard Team)





## March of the Penguins



(Jason Gold/Vermont Cynic)

Participants dive into the frigid waters of Lake Champlain for the Penguin Plunge held on Feb. 10 at the Burlington Waterfront to raise money for charity. (Story on page A2)

## UVM Rescue Scores New Ambulance

**UVM Rescue continues beneficial work and buys a new ambulance**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

There is only one club on campus that is capable of saving people's lives and delivering babies...all in a moving vehicle. UVM Rescue isn't like other clubs on campus — they don't sit around discussing theoretical situations over pizza and punch; they get out into the real world and make a difference.

UVM Rescue goes out during all hours of the day and night and saves people's lives. "There are times we get three calls in a row," Junior Crew Chief Bryan Hallet said. UVM Rescue is, "a state certified emergency ambulance service staffed and operated by University of Vermont students 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," according to their Web



(Kensington R. Moore/Vermont Cynic)

UVM Rescue members stand next to their new ambulance. From right: Bryan Hallet, Mike Lahey, Joe Duplinsky, Darleen Wessling, and Alison O'Conner.

site. UVM Rescue is also a completely self-sufficient student-run organization. They have existed on campus for 35 years this April.

"They're a pretty good crew. They really work hard and do a lot of training," UVM

senior and crew member, Jeremy Fitzgibbons said.

"We take, on average, 1500 calls a year," UVM senior, and rescue team member Geoff Frattalone said.

There are currently around 30 active members

of Rescue on campus. The 30 members of Rescue, along with the occasional alumni member, take turns working 12-hour weekday shifts and weekend shifts that last from

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## Board Discusses Six Percent Tuition Hike

**UVM's Board of Trustees agrees upon a six percent increase in next semester's tuition**

By TOM PAYEUR  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 9 the Board of Trustees met in a daylong discussion of pressing University issues.

One decidedly sticky issue raised was a six percent increase in next semester's tuition. The Board was in unanimous agreement with it, but wary of its relative appearance.

Provost John Hughes related that in past years, the tuition rate for UVM has increased at a rate of about four percent per year rate.

*The percentage of UVM's budget coming from state appropriations is extremely low when compared to other public universities across the nation.*

Meanwhile, the national average of tuition increase last year was marked at 6.3 percent.

Distraught members commented that the overall look of a two percent increase in tuition rates as an impeding roadblock. Members argued that a sudden increase in tuition would scare off future students who would not understand the reasoning behind the increase.

"I think the students are a very powerful source," trustee John Snow said when discussing the amount of impact student's have on their college expenses.

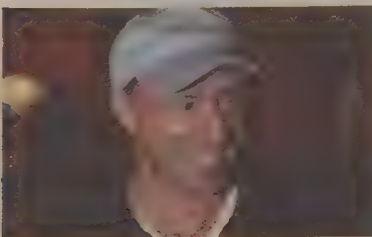
Reasoning concerning UVM need for more money was also discussed, one of them being the list of maintenance work scheduled for the next 10 years.

The Budget, Finance and Investments Committee announced that as of now, renovations on Dewey and Williams Halls were off course. More deferred projects may arise.

After looking over the list of scheduled maintenance,

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UVM alum hits Hollywood gold, again — producer Jon Kilik's film "Babel" nominated for Best Picture

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AUSTIN DANFORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

Bears-Colts turned out to be a flop, but at least there was the buffalo chicken dip

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# Taking the Penguin Plunge

**Community members brave the freezing water to raise money for charity**

By JESSICA BARTLETT

Staff Writer

Down at the Lake Champlain waterfront on Sat. Feb. 10, hundreds of spectators waited in anticipation to watch one of the most awaited events of the winter – The Penguin Plunge.

The ice had been cut through to let people swim, and four fire rescue men stood at the ready as group upon group ran into the freezing cold lake for charity.

Every year, teams raise money for the Vermont Special Olympics by being sponsored to jump into Lake Champlain in the middle of Feb.

University of Vermont students joined as "Team Catamount" this year, raising over \$7,000 and coming in second place for raising the most money.

They hope next year to have an even bigger array of students, faculty members, staff members and clubs.

This year, with over 40 teams participating in the event, and with about 20 people on each team, there was no end to the entertainment.

The first group, clad in tropical swimwear, ran down

into the water, paying little attention to the icy wind whipping at their faces.

Whether they were screaming out of fun or out of shock, no one knew, but the wide eyed, open mouthed faces were priceless.

The Beach Boys played ironically in the background over the crowd as the second group splashed into the water, clad in matching orange t-shirts. They were out of the water as quickly as they had gotten in.

Group after group braved the ice cold water; some individuals swimming all the way to the edge of the ice, wide smiles plastered on their faces. "They're crazy!" one spectator was overheard saying as another group of people

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splashed into the water.

Two women dressed as old ladies waddled in with canes and wigs, sprinting back out of the water as soon as they had dunked.

The Rugby Team refused to run in and instead marched in as a group, singing a viking chant until the water was up to their necks.

People from the age of seven through 70 ran into the freezing water. Little kids held each others' hands as they went in, and one gentleman climbed onto the ice, and did a cannonball back into the water.

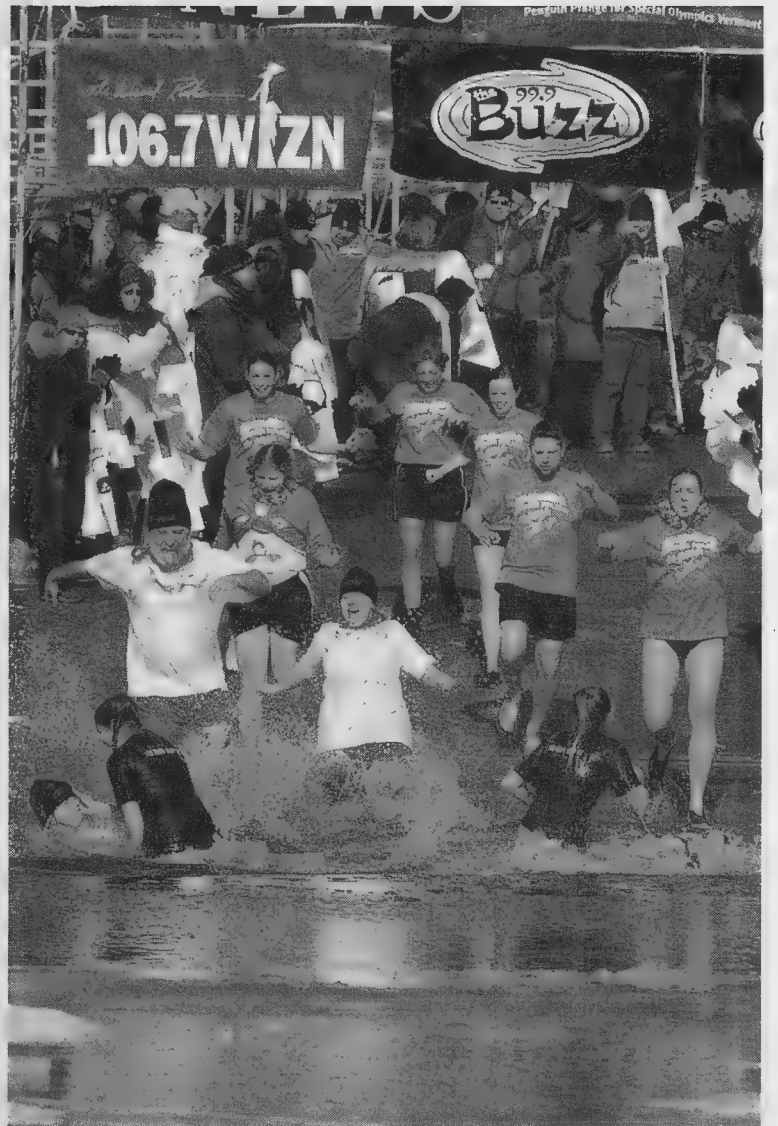
As more and more people took the plunge, the audience became even more impressed. The song "Crazy" by Gnarlz Barkley came on over the speakers.

For UVM student Danielle L'Esperance. It was her second time taking part in the event. After taking the plunge, she was all smiles. "It's a unifying experience," she said. "It feels really good to give back."

There were many first timers as well. Sam Coleman, a teacher, said jumping into Lake Champlain was "like jumping into a glass of ice water," but that he'd definitely do it again.

At the end of the event not only had the event raised thousands of dollars for charity, but many commented that they had a lot of fun watching and participating.

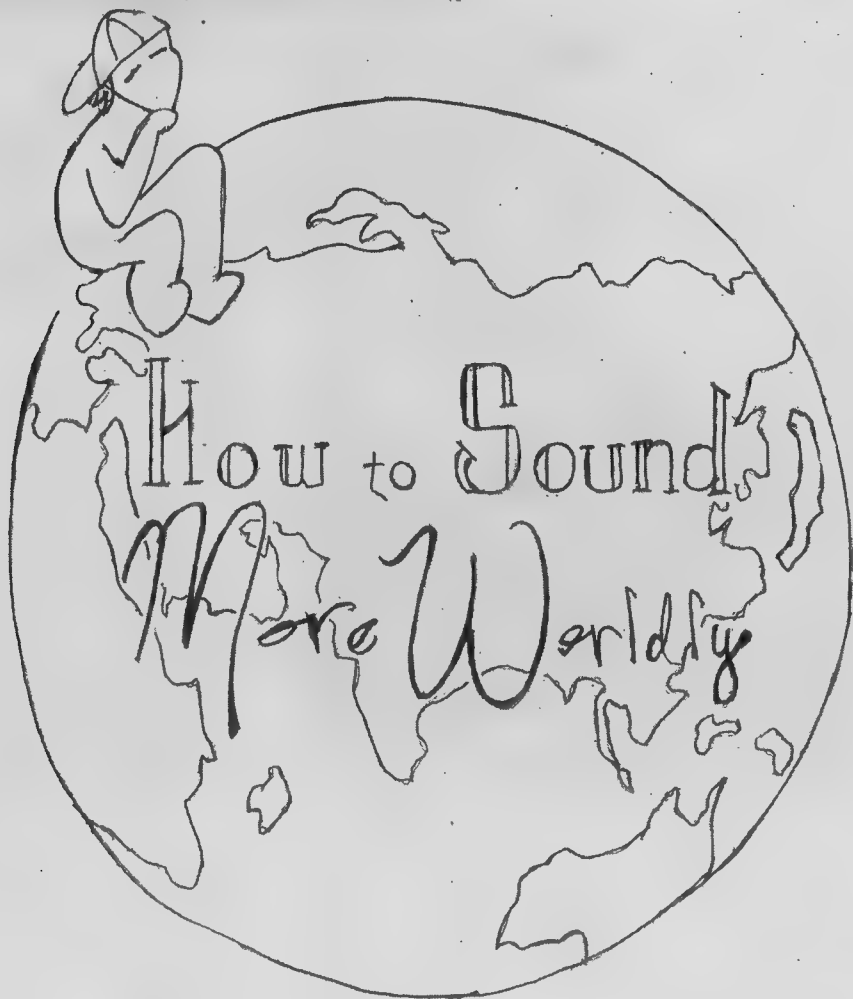
Even if the plungers walked away with a cold, they also walked away with bragging rights.



(Jason Goldt/Vermont Cynic)

UVM students and community members take the icy plunge. UVM students and community members take the icy plunge.

## National/International News



### • Putin Accuses U.S. of Fouling Up the World

Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, accused the U.S. of undermining global stability with the war in Iraq at an international security conference in Munich, Germany.

### • Obama Announces Candidacy

Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) announces his official campaign for the Presidency on Sat. from Springfield, Ill.

### • U.S. Accuses Iran of Supplying Insurgents

U.S. Military officials presented evidence that Iran has provided weapons for Shiite Insurgents in Iraq. Among the weapons are armor piercing bombs.

### • Harvard Names Woman President

Harvard named Drew Gilpin Faust, a noted historian, to become the university's 28th President. Faust succeeds Lawrence Summers, who drew ire after comments last year.

### • North Korean Weapons Discussions Hit a Setback

Talks concerning North Korea's Nuclear weapons program hit an impasse as U.S. diplomats are trying to convince North Korea to cease its Nuclear Weapons program.

### • Princeton Paranormal Research Lab Closes

The Princeton Engineering Anomalies Research, a controversial lab that researched telekinesis and another paranormal activities since its inception in 1979, is closing.

### • Petraeus Takes Over Amidst Harsh Iraq Debate

General David H. Petraeus become the commander of American Troops in Iraq. He commented that the mission is hard, but not hopeless.

### • Spain Is Having a Viagra Explosion, As Young Men "Want to be Superman."

Spain is seeing an noted increase in Viagra use in their club scene as men are paying up to \$80 dollars for one pill. It has been nicknamed "blue sex."



# UVM Alumnus up for an Oscar

**UVM alumnus produced movie which is now up for an Oscar for best picture**

By NOAH STAUM  
Assistant News Editor

UVM is taking a trip to the Academy Awards—through class of '78 alumni Jon Kilik. Kilik, who graduated as a film minor, is the producer of the movie "Babel", which is nominated for seven Oscars, including best picture.

Kilik has produced many films with director Spike Lee and many other greats, like Woody Allen. However, Kilik is proud of his latest work with director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu.

"The goal is always to make the next one even better than the last so, I'm really proud of 'Babel,'" Kilik said.

"I'm really hoping that I can do even better next time." Kilik has been nominated for Oscars before, but said that with "Babel" it's different.

"Yeah, [the day I found out 'Babel' was nominated] was a good day." He said: "It's great to kind of shed a light on the film and have more people see-

ing it and have this new life in the theatres."

Todd McGowan, associate professor and program director of film at UVM, is a fan of Kilik's work.

"['Summer of Sam'] is one of my all time favorite films," McGowan said.

He liked "Babel" too. "You don't see things in the order that they happen, which is sort of interesting narratively," he said. "Part of what he's trying to say...is that our reality seems more and more disconnected from each other."

Kilik will be in warm California amongst the stars for the Academy Awards, but his career in film began amongst the cold and mountains surrounding Burlington.

"I think Jon took five or six courses," said Frank Manchel, Professor Emeritus of

"He just loved films...He knew that that's what he wanted to do."

"Babel" is nominated for best picture, twice for best supporting actress, achievement in directing, best original screenplay, achievement in film editing, and achievement written for music for motion pictures.

"Babel" will compete

against "The Departed", "Letters from Iwo Jima", "Little Miss Sunshine" and "The Queen" for best picture.

"I can't tell you how impressed I am with the films that Jon has done," Manchel said. "He's much more concerned with the art of the film, than the commercialism of the film."

Kilik and Manchel are still closely in touch to this day, and Kilik says that, "he still criticizes everything I do all

the time."

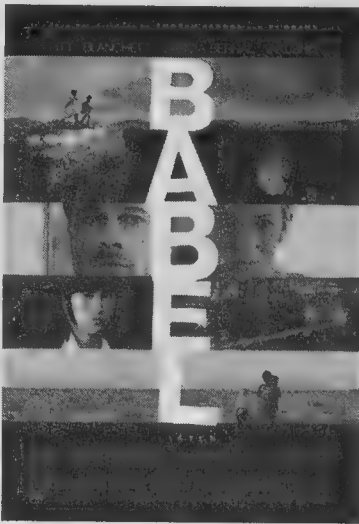
He's come a long way from his role as a film student, however.

"Babel" is like a culmination of everything that came before it," Kilik said. He says that the key to success is to, "always be pushing yourself and everybody around to

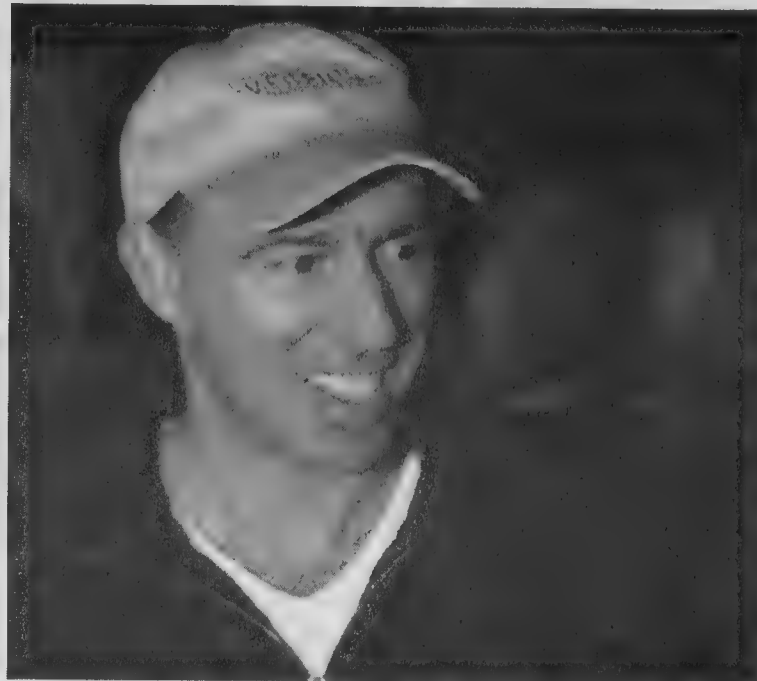
strive to do your best work."

"It's a fine line between doing something right and, you know, not," Kilik said.

When the Cynic talked to Kilik, he was leaving California to tend to some other business before the Oscars—the British Academy Awards in London.



"Babel" (photo courtesy plattenspieler-mag.blogspot.com)



Jon Kilik on campus.

(photo courtesy alumni.uvm.edu)

## Feminist Club and Men Advocating Change Work Together

**Two on-campus groups meet together to work to change negative preconceptions of masculinity and femininity**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

Two student groups -- Men Advocating Change and the University of Vermont's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) usually work separately to change what they view as negative preconceptions about masculinity and femininity in society -- but last Wednesday was different.

The two groups met in the Living and Learning Center here at UVM to discuss role model's influence on masculinity and femininity.

These two groups' objective was to bring their group's work together for a concerted effort to change existing problems facing men and women.

"We work on the same issues, coming from different perspectives," UVM sophomore and leader in Men Advocating Change, Phil Ortego said.

"We are mostly having a dialogue between many different people, hoping to foster

a community by discussing what feminism is to us," UVM sophomore, Amadeus Kaelber said.

The group discussed the positive and negative qualities of their role models and how those role models influenced their personal ideas of what it means to be a man or a woman. "Exploring gender is artwork," one student said.

Many of the students told the group that their role models were family members. "She taught me a lot about the strength of women," President of the Feminist Alliance, Ellen Hansen said of her grandmother and role model.

However Ortego had a different role model, "He was very sensitive and taught me a lot about masculinity," Ortego said, about his middle school soccer coach.

Both groups are active on the UVM campus. Men Advocating Change, "recognizes that while masculinity is often represented as violent, aggressive and dominating in our culture, be it through the media, sports or larger institutions like politics, that men live very different lives than what we've been told," according to their Web site.

Men Advocating Change has taken part in the White

Ribbon Campaign, focusing on men working to end men's violence against women, and has also taken part in the Take Back the Night March.

The FMLA is a national group; with a chapter here at UVM that has done work throughout Vermont and the country with women's issues. Nationally, the group is campaigning to get women out to vote, get women elected to student government positions and to promote global women's rights. They have taken part in past with the March for Women's Lives, focusing on abortion rights and family planning.

Faculty member Helga Schreckenberger, the director of the women's and gender studies program, advises the Feminist Majority Leadership

Alliance Chapter at UVM.

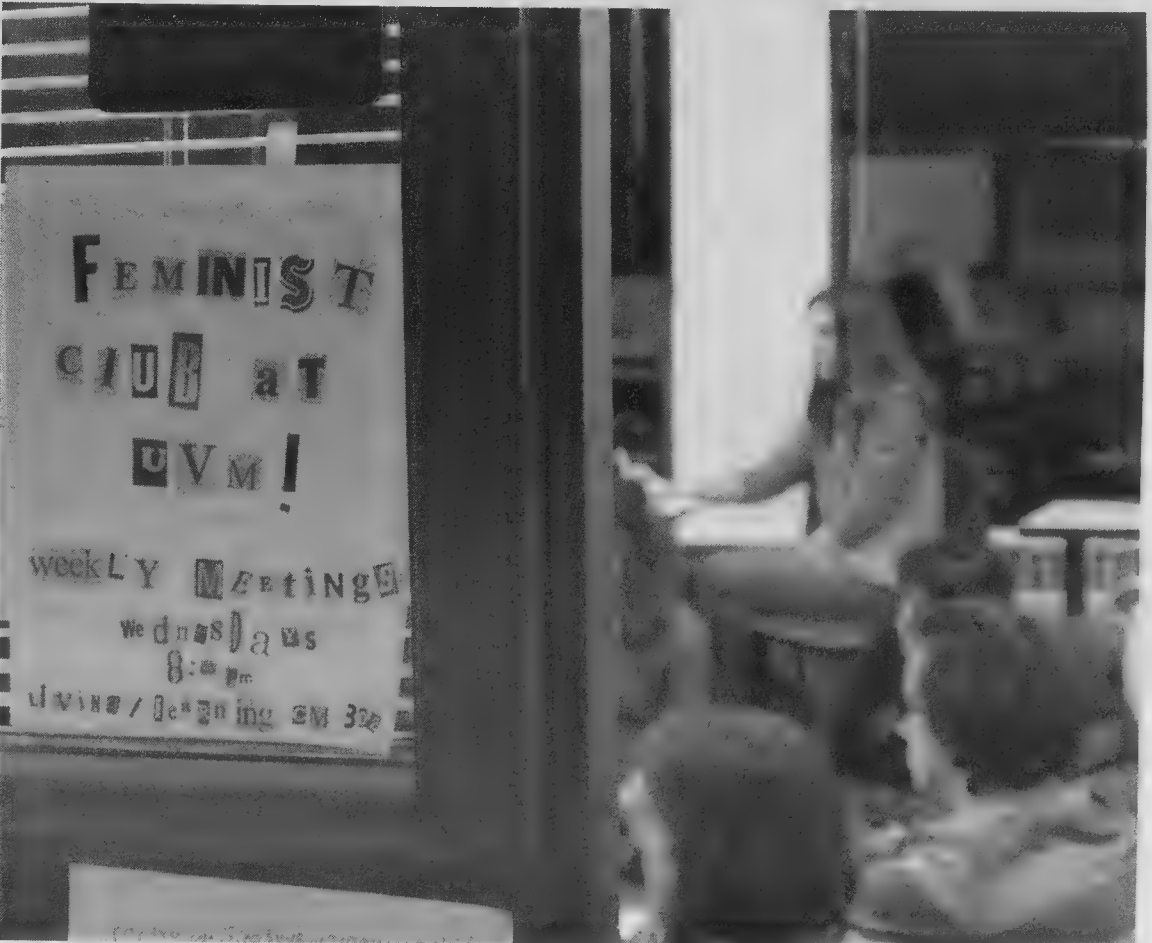
The FMLA at UVM is also member of the Reproductive Rights Coalition (RPC) along with Planned Parenthood, the National Organization of

Women and the International Socialist Organization. The RPC, according to their Web site, "are working hard to raise awareness about reproductive rights at UVM."



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Informal meeting spaces add to the creative dynamic.



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Students gather to deal with issues concerning the negative preconceptions of masculinity and femininity.

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UVM Rescue's brand new ambulance on the helicopter pad on campus.

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Friday evening until Sunday evening.

UVM Rescue recently added a new ambulance to their fleet, trading in an older model. The purchase cost around \$135,000 dollars, and was paid through money accrued from billing, according to Frattalone.

The billing system has two tiers. "For basic life support, we bill \$350. For advanced life support (non-invasive and invasive) we bill \$450," Director of Operations Heather Friend said.

UVM Rescue has, in addition to the money from billing, a contingency fund provided by the Student

Government Association Frattalone said. However, this fund has been stipulated that it only be used with approval for emergencies according to members.

Rescue members go through four main stages in their time on the crew. They begin in a training period, known as being a fourth, in which they become oriented over a period of 12 days with the procedures and set-up of the ambulances and the UVM rescue headquarters.

After their orientation period, members train to become medics. After the completion of their medic training, which also certifies

them as medics in the state of Vermont, they have the option of learning how to become a driver. The driver training teaches the general layout of the area and driving techniques valuable to being an emergency medic.

Lastly, members of UVM Rescue may become crew chiefs, in which case further training and certification is completed under the observation of a crew chief trainer.

Every member of the crew is required to work 20 hours a week, and work two weekends a semester. In addition, medics are required to complete 500 vacation hours a year and

crew chiefs 1,000 hours.

"It's amazing, I am here much more than I need to be. The people and the job are really great," UVM freshmen rescue member, Alison O'Connor said.

"Coming into rescue you think it's just going to be another club or activity, but halfway through your first checklist you realize it's a lot more than that. The experience you get is life changing, the knowledge you gain irreplaceable and the friend's you make become your family," UVM freshmen rescue member, Dani Bohrer said.

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the committee decided that a "road trip" around campus was needed in order to prioritize.

Some projects were set in motion however. Those included the construction of a new plant science building, situated across from the Davis Center, and a new research facility in Colchester. The Educational Policy and Institutional Resources Committee was given a presentation exploring the layout and function of each building.

Another need for the tuition increase, as explained by Hughes, was the particular circumstance the University faces as a public institute of higher education in Vermont, Hughes said.

The percentage of UVM's budget coming from state appropriations is extremely low when compared to other public universities across the nation, Hughes said.

Therefore, whereas most public institutions across America can rely on their states to cover expenses, UVM works more like a private school, in which money is essentially gained through donors, students and debt, Hughes said.

"30 percent of the six percent goes right back to tuition aid," Hughes said. The rest of the money gained would go to support new faculty and further investment around UVM's campus.

Resounding agreement was voiced when SGA President Seth Bowden stressed the importance of student understanding in the tuition increase.

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## The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"Factual evidence, statistical evidence and anecdotal evidence present significant proof of a corporate policy of discrimination and support plaintiff's contention that female employees nationwide were subjected to a common pattern and practice of discrimination,"

Judge Martin Jenkins,  
citing a  
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# Five-Oh at Your Door

Shane Clark - Op Ed Editor

"Knock, Knock."

"Who's there?"

"The Police."

"The Police who?"

"The Police who will take advantage of your lack of knowledge of your civil rights to gain entry into your place and find incriminating evidence that will ruin your life."

"Oh."

This is no joke. You would be surprised to learn that the majority of students (and for that matter, people in general) are caught for underage drinking or possession due to illegal police searches conducted without warrants.

Warrantless searches can only be conducted on your premises when an officer is making a valid arrest, when there is exigent circumstances, when something is in "plain view" or if consent has been given.

Unless that criterion is met, police are required to produce a warrant issued by a judge to conduct a search of your premises. Any request for a warrant must be supported by probable cause.

Only a judge can determine whether there is probable cause to conduct a search, not a police officer. This is a very important distinction that is often over-

looked, or not fully understood, by many victims of police searches.

Let me now illustrate this point through a description of a typical scenario in Burlington.

It's about 11:30 p.m. on a Thursday night, and you and your friends are all having a drink and watching a snowboarding video. The police show up to your apartment for an apparent noise violation. You open the door and the officers explain to you why they are there, "We had a complaint about the noise coming from your apartment." More often than not this will be followed by, "We'd like to take a look around to make sure that everyone is alright," or the famous, "I detect a faint odor of marijuana."

I say that the best way to deal with such a situation is to calmly step outside and close the door behind you. Explain to the police that they can write you a ticket for a noise violation, but that they are not allowed into your place without a warrant.

Then it becomes a matter of whether or not a judge will grant a warrant to search your house for a gram or two of pot after being disturbed at 11:30 p.m. by a cop responding to a noise violation and thinks he smells some herb too.

Remember to close your curtains because if you can see your bong from the sidewalk or front porch, it is in plain view, and the police would not need a warrant to enter your apartment and bust you.

This is by no means meant to give you, the reader, legal advice. I'm not a lawyer, and every situation is different. This is simply a reminder to everyone that they have rights and they should become educated about those rights.

The next time that a police officer stops you on the street, or shows up at your door, be respectful, but also be persistent that the officer produce a warrant before any search is conducted.

I imagine that your lawyer will have a much easier time challenging the validity of a warranted search through the dimensions of probable cause than defending a client who allowed the police to search their person or home.

Don't take my word for it. The University provides free legal advice — via Student Legal Services — to all students from private practice lawyers in the Burlington area. Don't get stuck in a trap you could have either avoided or can get out of.

# The Slaves of War

C.W. Soule - Editor in Chief

Unless the citizens of the United States control the distribution of tax money, the creation of laws and the waging of war, they are not free.

Freedom cannot exist in a society that appoints leaders into positions of authority strong enough to start wars, create laws and distribute tax money without the voice of the people being heard.

Without political decision-making power vested in the multitude, there is no hope for a society to represent the will of the people, for decisions shall be made by officials who are apart from the people.

Misrepresentation of the people is thus very likely if not absolutely certain.

According to the Gallup Poll that collected data during the first week of February, 72 percent of U.S. citizens disapprove of the War in Iraq. Yet, the U.S. government shows a firm commitment to the war.

If a nation is supposed to be free, and the citizens of that nation do not support a war being fought, then how can those people remain free if the government continues to fight the war?

If the people do not directly control the deployment of troops to foreign wars, the people are not free citizens, but are subjects to an authority, because their very lives are affected by the whims of that authority.

Indeed, if the War in Iraq is unpopular amongst the citizens of the United States, then why has the administration requested a military budget that exceeds \$700 billion instead of withdrawing troops?

Taxes are raised from the labor of the people and are required by the government. However, the people are unable to direct the appropriation of that money and are made impotent in the decision process.

Unless the people are able to direct federal taxes, those people are not free, for the product of their labor is appropriated by magistrates apart from the people and the general will of the people is ignored.

Laws, more than any other element of free societies, must be created by the people, for those laws are terms that all must agree to if they are to be bound by them justly.

Without consent to the laws, the people are governed unjustly because they are made subjects to those who create the laws. The people thus lose their power to determine their own actions.

The people of the United States are not free. They are bound by chains imposed by a government that controls the nation apart from the consent of the people.



## Letters to the Editor

# Bush is Right, Clark's Op-Ed is Treason

It is in the nation's best interest that you stop printing libel articles about our president, George W. Bush. When you publish such articles, it tears our nation down by creating mistrust in the government which only leads to feuding.

It's tantamount to treason when you call him an idiot, defame one of our nation's states and unjustly question his motives for defending our nation from terrorism. It is obvious that every president is scrutinized carefully throughout his tenure, but the obsession your paper, and others in the nation, have about watching his every move goes beyond the tolerable scrutiny.

The most outrageous attacks are not the ones on his character, but those on his policies that are vital to our nation. Whenever you blast him for going to war in Iraq or for sending more troops, it drives those of us with even half a brain crazy.

It's insane for you to think that a war can be won without casualties, and even more insane to think only a few thousand soldiers can win a war. If you want the war in Iraq to be over, with only a couple hundred peacekeeping troops left in the country, then you need to realize that objective can only be accomplished by sending in a large amount of troops, roughly a half million, to forcefully, swiftly and efficiently eliminate opposition.

The war in Iraq is Vietnam all over again, where the foreign war was lost because the domestic war between two sides of a nation grew out of hand.

Equally damaging to our nation is when calls are made to question Bush's motives for starting the war. I will admit, we may never know if there

were actually weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or not, but the absence of evidence does not conclusively mean an absence of a crime.

What is lost in all the liberalized debates over Bush's personal motives for the war is the fact that we could not find out if Iraq did indeed have weapons of mass destruction because the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein, would not allow us to find out. Another issue lost in your editorials is the blatant disregard for the crimes against humanity that were being committed by Hussein.

You can not say the war was unjust and then walk into a voting booth on Election Day, it's hypocrisy, especially so if you're a woman. Because of Bush's actions, millions of Iraqi woman finally have the freedom to vote for their nation's leaders. Furthermore, thousands of Kurds are not only able to vote, but to walk around without worrying about Hussein's campaign of genocide against them.

Our President may not be the best one to come around, but he is certainly competent in office, cares about the rights of other humans, and unlike his opponent in the 2004 election, he is actually decisive and will take action.

Bush does not deserve the slandering and libel against him by the media, and our nation does not deserve to be divided by it. You need to think of the effects your articles will have on our nation before you publish them, and most importantly, you need to apologize to our nation for trying to divide us.

WILLIAM LONGLEY, CLASS OF 2010

## NFL Coverage is Preoccupied With Race

If there's one thing I learned from the Super Bowl this year, it is that the media still has not learned to deal with race tactfully.

The biggest story leading up to the game was that this would be the first Super Bowl ever where there was an African-American head coach involved, and in this case there were two of them.

Great achievement, right?

Absolutely. It's a great achievement for any football coach to lead their team to the Super Bowl, black or white. My question is, though, what does race have to do with being a successful football coach?

Wouldn't it be much more telling of the progress this nation has made if skin color wasn't even mentioned when talking about the coaches involved?

Apparently, the media felt otherwise, because we viewers were constantly reminded that the two coaches were both black (maybe they used the term African-American). Apparently there some trepidation among

the network higher-ups that we simple folk would not be able discern this for ourselves.

It wasn't newsworthy that more than half the players on the field were black, but it becomes an amazing story when the head coaches on both sidelines are?

The message I take from that is we expect African-Americans to be great athletes, but we're surprised when they make great coaches.

I would never argue that we try to forget or be insensitive to the history of racial issues in this country. Nevertheless, by constantly making race the story, the media only succeeds in strengthening the concept of racial barriers, even when the intention is to smash them.

Hopefully the achievements of Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith were inspirational to people everywhere, but let us pay tribute to them for who they are as men, and coaches, not for what color their skin is.

JONATHAN MATTHIESSEN  
KYLE, CLASS OF 2009

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## Privately Exploiting Iraq

All across Iraq there are scores of people without basic services. There are people who have no electricity or water, people who do not have access to hospitals, and people living in towns and communities without effective policing.



Appalling numbers of ordinary citizens: teachers, business owners — elderly men and women and children among them — have been killed as a direct result of our military intervention. And thousands more have died as a result of the anarchy that has resulted. Some estimates peg this figure at 600,000. This figure is equivalent to every man, woman and child in the state of Vermont.

And the numbers are growing.

It is the responsibility of America to bear the burden of Iraq. It is our nation that has produced the challenges that the Iraqi people now face, and it is our responsibility to address those challenges and to expend whatever resources we have to do so. And we have no right whatsoever to profit off of our incursion.

Yet we continue to concern ourselves with just that. The CIA's online Factbook entry on Iraq tells us that, between 2002 and 2005, oil production has actually increased an estimated 63,000 barrels per day.

It is no trifling matter to drill oil. There are thousands of miles of pipeline to lay and maintain, refineries to staff and monitor and thousands more associated personnel to pay.

Doing all of this in a war zone only ramps up costs and difficulties. Just keeping the infrastructure secure costs millions of dollars in personnel and equipment. And even these measures are not fool-proof, when attacks on pipelines and refineries are successful, even more is lost in missing revenues and repair costs.

In other words: tremendous resources, which could otherwise be spent for the good of the Iraqi people, are being expended to drain the lifeblood of Iraq from its soils. Money that could be spent building schools and hospitals, paving roads or creating the necessary building blocks of a viable democracy, is instead spent on extracting natural resources.

But that's not the end of it. A U.S. backed bill working its way through the Iraqi parliament would give Exxon, Shell and British Petroleum (BP) 30 year contracts to drill, and give them 75 percent of the profits earned until drilling costs are recouped.

This is highly unusual in the Middle East, where there is almost no private oil drilling, and many take this as a sign that the companies involved, as well as the United States itself, are exploiting a country that has little leverage and is desperate to ramp up production in order to fund a struggling and fledgling government.

## Impeach Bush

President Clinton was impeached for having sexual relations. President Bush is exempt from impeachment, yet responsible for hundreds of thousands of American and Iraqi deaths. Our priorities are way out of whack.

I would much rather have a president whom makes love than one whom creates bloodshed. This war is wrong and has gone on far too long. Children are dying and mothers are crying. This war is a crime and crime cannot be won. It can only be stopped. How many more must die or be maimed for life before we call it a failure?

We can support our troops better by bringing them home now so that peace may be brought forward for the future.

COREY PARADIS, CLASS OF 2009

JAKE MEANY

## If You Don't Like It, Leave

When I was reading a recent article in the *Vermont Cynic*, I came upon a popular tiresome sound bite made by mostly political conservatives toward the real enemies of America (Alec Baldwin, Martin Sheen and me). "Why don't you leave America if you hate it so much." This argument (and I use the term loosely) serves two major points for the speaker.

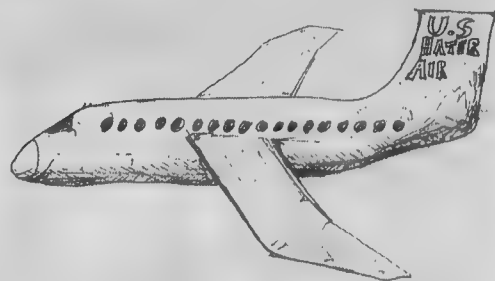


It first operates as a red herring, pushing the objected debater to now confirm why or why not they should be forced to move, to pack their bags ergo ending the conversation on whatever political issue has occurred.

Secondly, it calls into question the loyalty of the speaker to America (the best country because it is the soil that most of us call home).

Conservative, in most senses of the word, means an adherence and respect for tradition. In this context, one needs to ask: What is the tradition of America?

This was a country founded on change, not stasis. Our founding fathers



did not believe that if one disagrees with a country you should leave; they believed in rebellion (maybe that's what conservatives want — a revolution?). Our entire country is founded on democratic principles, just as voting and elections that were put in place in order for change to be expressed rather than repressed. Maybe that is one of the reasons why we don't have slavery or have given women the right to vote. There is a form of government where you are not supposed to argue with the government, but just play along, I can't remember the name of it, um, auth ... autho ... authora (guy with a mustache, raised his arm frequently).

The Bush administration and political conservatives in Congress don't respect this interpretation of America. The Bush Administration routinely denies political asylum to immigrants, have only allowed less than 500 Iraqis into the nation and returns individuals to countries where they will be tortured and killed.

The last point worth mentioning is that America no longer agrees with those in power. Bush has had the lowest approval rating ever, and has currently only been beaten by Nixon with the longest track of marginally low approval ratings (what a benchmark to be following).

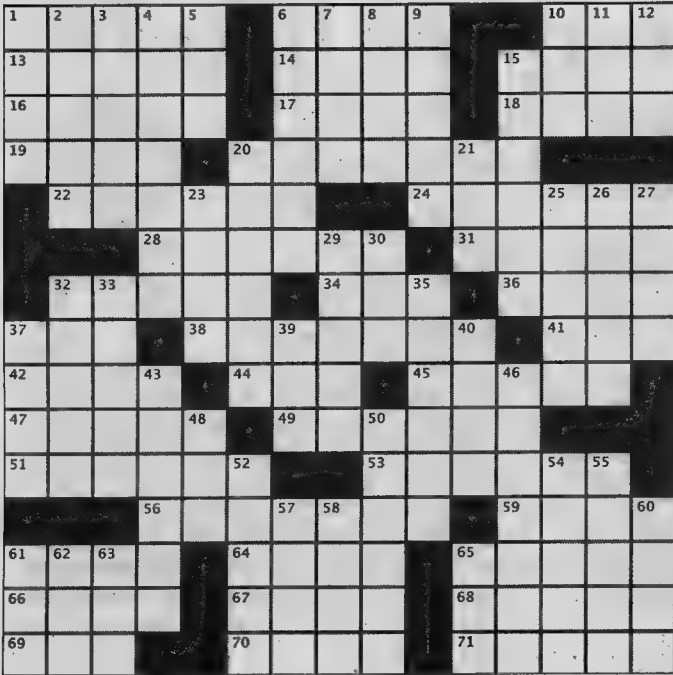
If it is true that if you don't like America, then you should leave, are these individuals arguing for a mass exodus to another country?

Maybe we could have a citizen exchange program, with individuals who will tolerate a bellicose leader who operates illegally in multiple arenas causing the death of thousands (fans of Pinochet, welcome to your new home).

If we are still living in a democracy, then the political system is based in the power of the people. Therefore when someone says to you, "If you don't like the way America does things, why don't you leave," my reply will be, "Yeah, OK, I agree ... so when do you leave?"



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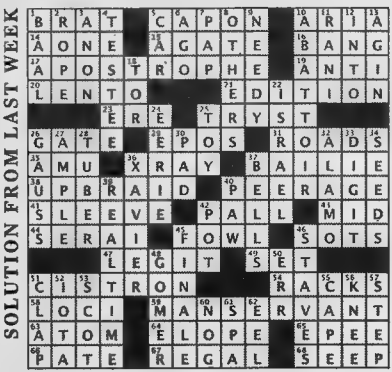


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9- HAZY  
10- STUDENT'S CONVEYANCE  
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21- ORGAN OF HEARING  
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27- OTHERWISE  
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32- LIVING IN A CITY  
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57- INDOONESIAN RESORT ISLAND  
58- CHEMICAL USED ON TREES  
60- DEVICES FOR FISHING  
61- PERIOD OF HISTORY  
62- SMALL CAVITY IN A ROCK  
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65- HEAD COVERING



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The Odd Couple BY JAKE ZWIACH





# Canadian Duo Provides Spark



**Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos, the dynamic freshman combo from Ontario, have been instrumental in the success of the women's basketball the season**

By NICK DECARO

Staff Writer

May Kotsopoulos of Waterloo, Ontario and Courtney Pilypaitis of Orleans, Ontario have made quite an impact thus far for the Vermont women's basketball team.

The two standout freshmen from Canada have been one of the keys to this season's surprising team.

Courtney leads the team in scoring, with 14.1 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game, and 92 assists thus far in the season.

May is second in scoring, averaging 10.2 points per game, 2.9 rebounds per game, and has recorded 37 steals.

They have helped lead the Catamounts to a 15-7 overall record, 5-4 in America East, putting them in third place in the conference.

The team was projected to finish eighth, so the addition of Pilypaitis and Kotsopoulos has been pivotal to Vermont's standing.

These two are the latest in a line of successful Canadian players in the program.

Vermont has had 19 players from Canada in the women's basketball program's history.

UVM's all-time leaders in scoring (Karalyn Church '00), rebounding (Sher Turnbull '94) and assists (Lori Taylor '98) all hail from north of the border.

## The Road to Vermont

Kotsopoulos and Pilypaitis are not strangers to one another.

May attended Waterloo Col-

legiate Institute, was named "Miss Ontario Basketball" in 2006, and Waterloo Collegiate Athlete of the Year in 2006 as well.

Courtney went to St. Peter High School and was named Orleans Online Athlete of the Year in 2005 and MVP of the Nike All-Canada Camp also in 2005.

"We played against and with each other before we came to UVM," Kotsopoulos said. "We played together for two summers and we didn't get along, and when we were younger we didn't like each other for all of our differences."

"We had some battles and it would seem like it was May against Courtney instead of our two teams at times," Pilypaitis added.

"Now we are roommates and unlike when we were younger, we like each other for our differences," May commented.

So how exactly did May and Courtney end up here?

Coach Sharon Dawley shed some light on the subject.

"Sometimes the Canadian

players are harder to find, but once you find them they are easier to recruit because they are very excited about the possibility of playing in the U.S."

Dawley explained why Courtney and May were recruited.

"Courtney's court vision and passing ability and obvious passion for the game stood out. With May it was her defensive intensity and her overall toughness."

May was recruited by three other schools and Courtney by one.

May said she chose UVM because she "was struck most by the business school since that's what [she is] majoring in, and the team and coaches won [her] over, they are great."

For Courtney, it was "school and academics, and she 'got along great with the team, [they] have a lot of chemistry."

## Living Up to Expectations

It is interesting to see the contrast in the coach's expectations to those of the two play-

ers.

"When you're recruiting you don't know how mature or how hard they'll work as freshmen," Dawley said.

"We did know May and Courtney would have an impact but they have done more than we thought they would."

"We knew they'd make a big difference, but one of the reasons they are making such a big contribution to the team is because they outwork a lot of people."

However, when asked if they felt they would make an immediate impact May and Courtney had a different answer.

"I didn't expect to play, and at first I was happy with any time on the court," Kotsopoulos said, "Now when I'm out there I don't want to let anyone down, so I play as hard as I can."

Courtney said, "I didn't have any expectations when I came in, I was looking forward to working to get a spot."

Perhaps most interesting are the words with which May and Courtney chose to describe

each other.

"May is a competitor, she gives it her all every second she is on the court," Courtney said.

"Courtney is fearless; she is not scared of anything. She is a freshman and she can take over a game," May said.

Dawley chose tough as a word to describe May, and "creative" for Courtney.

The girls' coach feels that the key to their success this year has been because of their individual confidences.

## Thoughts for the Future

"If they are able to be confident in the second round of conference play they will both be able to make a huge impact in our run for the regular season title as well as the tournament title in America East."

May and Courtney do feel that they have a connection on the court.

"We like to run a lot and are able to sense when we are there for one another," May said.

"It helped coming in knowing how she plays, I knew what to expect from her, and we were able to build from there," Courtney added.

Both May and Courtney feel that the key to the rest of the season and postseason will be the team's defense.

"If we play good defense, we can run the opponent into the ground and wear them out," May said.

Courtney added, "If we force the other team to throw up bad shots we can get out and run in transition, which is one of our strengths."

For May and Courtney, their careers are just beginning but their play has already begun turning heads.

For these two stars from Ontario, the sky is the limit.

There is no telling where they could lead this team in the next four years.

The women's basketball team continues play against Maine on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. and hosts Binghamton on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 1 p.m.



(From top: Ian F. Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Catamounts and Simone LaRonde/Vermont Catamounts)

Freshmen Courtney Pilypaitis (left) and May Kotsopoulos are the breakout sensations of the women's basketball team. Courtney is the team leader in scoring, averaging 14.1 points per game and 5.5 rebounds. May is trailing close behind her Canadian comrade with 10.2 points per game and 2.9 rebounds. The girls knew of each other from their high school basketball careers and have blossomed into good friends and roommates at the University of Vermont.



## Straight Out of the Pages

**I Got a Feva', and the Only Prescription Is More Red Sox**

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

Boston sports are on life support. The once big, bad Bruins look like a species facing extinction in the "new" NHL.

Fans of the Paul Pierce-less Celtics found themselves praying for the ping-pong ball Gods to deliver Greg Oden.

The Patriots' epic final four collapse at the hands of Adam Vinatieri and the hated Colts still feels like a salted open wound.

However, off in the sunny Fort Myers distance, the heartbeat that is baseball has come to resurrect a beleaguered New England fanbase.

Cowboy Up, Red Sox Nation: spring training is here to rescue us all.

Good thing, because I was having my doubts about making it through winter.

"Sweet Caroline" has been on my iPod's repeat list since October and I keep having the same dream about Hazel Mae.

I have succumbed to Jimmy Fallon's "winter guy" syndrome in *Fever Pitch*.

The only DVDs on rotation in Hamilton 303 are *Cowboy Up* and *Faith Rewarded*. I keep channel surfing to NESN in hopes of catching a Pedro Instant Classic.

I have even re-read Stephen King's *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* (in my new Dice-K shirt, no less). I was starting to lose it.

Thankfully, help is on the way. Curt Schilling, Jason Varitek and the rest of the Sox pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training on February 16th in Fort Myers, Florida.

For Red Sox Nation, this signifies the fruition of an annual dream: the birth of yet another spring, summer, and hopefully fall devoted entirely to everything Red Sox.

It is about time.

I have been going through some serious Don Orsillo and Jerry "Rem Dawg" Remy withdrawals. I feel uninformed without Dan Shaughnessy's daily state of the Red Sox address in *The Boston Globe*.

I need to see the Monster. I need a \$6 Fenway Frank. I need to reaffirm my hatred for the Yankees. I need spring. I need the Red Sox.

It has felt like an eternity but baseball season is back. It is time for Manny to be Manny. Time for Jonathan "Wild thing" Papelbon to be the next Clemens. Time to confuse "BOO" with "YOUUK".

Time to fall in love with Julio Lugo and J.D. Drew. Time for Matsuzaka mania to sweep New England. Jump on Big Papi's back, Red Sox Nation.

Starting February 16, it is time.

## Skiing Holds Second

**After the Dartmouth Winter Carnival, the Cats' alpine and nordic team can say goodbye to their perfect carnival season of 2006 and say hello to second**

By JOANNA BENJAMIN

Sports Editor

At the Dartmouth carnival, Vermont gained a solid hold on second place in the EISA conference.

Senior Carina Hamel finished first in the 15k freestyle event at Trapp Family Lodge.

Freshman Jennie Bender and sophomore Katrina Howe placed seventh and fourteenth, respectively.

Junior Zac Brown finished in second place in the men's slalom and was joined in the top 10 by sophomore Ethan Korpi in fourth, senior Greg Hardy in sixth, and freshmen Erik Gilbert and Colin Devore in seventh and ninth.

For the women's alpine competition, Vermont secured a sixth place finish by freshman Kara Crow in the slalom.

The Cats rounded out their alpine performances with freshman Kate Bragg, who finished in twelfth place and junior Ashley Spina who ended in thirteenth.

Sophomore Juergen Uhl finished third, the highest for the Catamounts, in the men's nordic competition when he took third place in the 20k classic.

Sophomore Anders Folleras followed Uhl in sixth and freshman Chris Ziegler added a seventh place finish.

After an undefeated 2006 carnival season, the Cats sloped to and have continued in second place, behind Dartmouth.

The Big Green has secured themselves as the top contenders in the conference as they have won all their carnivals so far this season.

"We were nervous coming into the season with such a young team," senior Carina Hamel said.

"We have had lots of strong underclassmen who have stepped up to the challenge and all things considered it will be a good season."

Vermont skiing returns to action on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Williams carnival.



(Bill Dillillo/UVM Photography)

Sophomore Juergen Uhl during his third place finish in the men's 20k classic.

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# SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK AT UVM (2.13-2.19)

**Wednesday (2.14)**  
Men's Basketball @ Maine (8p.m. NESN)

**Friday (2.16)**  
Swimming @ ECAC Championships  
Skiing @ Williams Carnival (9a.m.)  
Track @ A-East Championships (12p.m.)  
Men's Hockey vs. Massachusetts (7:05p.m.)

**Saturday (2.17)**  
Swimming @ ECAC Championships  
Skiing @ Williams Carnival (9a.m.)  
Track @ A-East Championships (11a.m.)  
Women's Basketball vs. Binghamton (1p.m.)  
Women's Hockey @ Northeastern (7p.m.)  
Men's Hockey vs. Massachusetts (7:05p.m.)

**Sunday (2.18)**  
Swimming @ ECAC Championships  
Women's Hockey @ Northeastern (3p.m.)  
Men's Basketball vs. Binghamton (3p.m. NESN)

## SNOW REPORT (2.13-2.19)

**Tuesday (2.13)**  
Mostly cloudy  
7°-0°

**Wednesday (2.14)**  
Few snow showers  
13°/5°

**Thursday (2.15)**  
Flurries  
15°/4°

**Friday (2.16)**  
Partly cloudy  
14°/7°

**Saturday (2.17)**  
Mostly cloudy  
22°/12°

**Sunday (2.18)**  
Mostly cloudy  
21°/11°

**Monday (2.19)**  
Partly cloudy  
29°/12°

## LAST WEEK (2.6-2.11)

**Men's Basketball**  
19-6 (11-1 A-East)  
vs. UMBC (2.8)  
UVM 24-42 - 66 Win  
UMBC 24-34 - 57  
vs. Albany (2.11)  
UVM 28-39 - 67 Win  
Albany 26-37 - 63

**Women's Basketball**  
15-7 (5-4 A-East)  
vs. BU (2.7)  
UVM 23-26 - 49 Loss  
Boston University 30-31 - 61  
@ Hartford (2.10)  
UVM 22-20 - 42 Loss  
Hartford 27-29 - 56

**Men's Hockey**  
15-11-4 (10-7-4 Hockey East)  
@ Maine (2.9)  
UVM 0-0-1 - 1 Loss  
Maine 1-4-0 - 5  
@ Maine (2.10)  
UVM 0-0-0 - 0 Loss  
Maine 1-0-0 - 1

**Women's Hockey**  
3-22-2 (1-14-1 Hockey East)  
vs. Maine (2.10)  
UVM 0-0-1 - 1 Loss  
Maine 1-1-1 - 3  
vs. Maine (2.11)  
UVM 1-1-0 - 2 Loss  
Maine 0-1-3 - 4

**Swimming & Diving**  
11-5 (3-1 A-East)  
America East Championship  
5th Place

**Skiing**  
Dartmouth Carnival (2.9-2.10)  
2nd Place  
Dartmouth 756  
UVM 729  
Middlebury 670  
UNH 561  
St. Lawrence Univ. 488  
Bates 478  
Williams 459  
Colby 448  
Harvard 223  
St. Michael's 167  
Bowdoin 155

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont	19-6 (11-1)
2. Albany	18-8 (11-3)
3. Boston U.	10-14 (7-5)
4. Maine	11-14 (6-7)
5. UMBC	9-16 (5-7)
6. Hartford	11-15 (5-8)
7. New Hampshire	9-17 (5-8)
8. Binghamton	11-14 (4-9)
9. Stony Brook	8-16 (3-9)

### A-East Women's Basketball

1. Hartford	17-7 (10-1)
2. Stony Brook	13-10 (9-2)
3. Maine	12-10 (6-5)
4. Vermont	15-8 (5-5)
5. Binghamton	8-15 (4-6)
6. Boston U.	12-12 (4-7)
7. UMBC	11-13 (4-7)
8. New Hampshire	8-14 (3-7)
9. Albany	7-17 (3-8)

### Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	17-3-1 (35 pts)
2. Boston U.	11-4-7 (29 pts)
3. Boston Coll.	12-8-1 (25 pts)
4. Maine	12-8-1 (25 pts)
5. Vermont	10-7-4 (24 pts)
6. UMass	10-8-3 (23 pts)
7. Northeastern	7-11-4 (18 pts)
8. Providence	6-13-2 (14 pts)
9. UMass Lowell	4-14-3 (11 pts)
10. Merrimack	3-16-2 (8 pts)

### Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	14-1-1 (27 pts)
2. Connecticut	12-4-1 (25 pts)
3. Boston Coll.	12-6-0 (24 pts)
4. Providence	10-4-3 (23 pts)
5. Boston U.	8-7-2 (18 pts)
6. Maine	4-12-2 (10 pts)
7. Northeastern	2-14-2 (6 pts)
8. Vermont	1-15-1 (3 pts)



## THE LOOPER

AUSTIN DANFORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

## The Super Bowl: Feast and Famine

What does this sound like: one bottle of blue cheese dressing, one large bottle of Frank's Red Hot sauce, two packages of cream cheese, one pound of chicken breast and one package of shredded cheddar cheese.

A cardio-catastrophe waiting to happen? Well, yes, at least at face value.

Now for the second course: massive hamburgers drenched in Worcestershire sauce and smothered in savory spices, and a tray of fries covered in gravy and melted cheese curds.

Let's add, just for fun, a generous assortment of salsa/cheese/sour cream/guacamole dips and tortilla chips. Oh! And I almost forgot about the chicken wings!

Now, what exactly is that grand series of heart palpitations? It's far and away the best part of Super Bowl XLI, and I'm not going to apologize either.

I had been able to convince myself, with the help of several of my Chicago-born friends, that Da Bears were bound to beat Peyton's gang.

Two weeks ago it added up very nicely: Da Bears (looking as fierce as they did when they won 21 years ago) had enjoyed a better season than the Colts, especially a better performance through the playoffs.

Chicago had been playing great special teams, specifically Devin Hester returning kicks for touchdowns left and right. The offense was playing solid, with Rex Grossman appearing to have magically gotten over many of his regular season foibles. The defense? Same as it ever was.

Da Bears even had the Trump Card, Brian Urlacher, the newest monster of the Midway, who is arguably the best player in the NFL, on either side of the ball and undoubtedly the best linebacker on the planet.

So with the table set and the television on, I was ready to watch Chicago thoroughly trounce Indy and proceed to do the Super Bowl shuffle all the way back to the Windy City with the Lombardi Trophy.

Fifteen seconds in I was looking like a genius: in the middle of a torrential downpour, Hester took the kickoff and proceeded to storm from the Bears' end of the field all the way to the endzone. Bears 7, Colts 0.

Ten minutes and several turnovers later, the Bears still looked in control and the party had started to do a number on our feast. Oh how quickly it all turned around.

From then until the end of the game the Colts dominated the Bears and our spread dominated us in what turned out to be a rather dull Super Bowl.

I couldn't even muster any enthusiasm for Peyton Manning and Tony Dungy winning their first Super Bowl, not after watching them beat my two favorite teams (my two title picks, too), and definitely not after eating what seemed like a truckload of delicious finger foods.

My best attempt to copy Bill Swersky and his Superfans was spoiled, and now I have to wait until next year for Da Bears.

# Cats Trounce Canadian U-19 Team in Snowy Preseason Affair

In their lone preseason matchup, the women's lacrosse team dominated their Canadian opponents by seven goals

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

In a frigid Saturday matinee, the University of Vermont women's lacrosse team rewarded its resilient, face-masked, hot chocolate-sipping fans by crushing Canada's U-19 squad, 12-5.

The Cats were led by senior Becky Kenison's four goals and the superb play-making ability of sophomore Kristen Millar.

Combined with stellar goaltending by junior Meaghan Hanley, the Cats left the frozen tundra of Moulton Winder Field with a victory in their lone preseason tune-up before hosting the University of Massachusetts Feb. 28 in the 2007 season opener.

After falling behind 1-0 early in the first half, the Cats quickly clawed back to take a 2-1 lead thanks to a beautiful, ankle-breaking goal by Kenison.

Freshman Alison Haigh made it 3-1 with a highlight reel goal of her own.

After racing up the right sideline and splitting two defenders, Haigh beat the Canadian goalkeeper while falling down to the icy and unforgiving planet Hoth-esque turf.

Although Canada roared back to take a 4-3 lead, UVM tied the score on a backhanded, dropkick strike from sophomore Tori Wasson.

Coupled with tallies from Kenison and Emilie Clark, the Cats ended the first half leading 6-4.

As strengthening snow flurries bombarded the once green turfed sanctuary, the Cats went on to take control of the second half like only true Vermonters could.

Kenison, the beneficiary of a litter of crisp passes, picked up her third and fourth strikes of the game midway through the final stanza.

Millar, a Whitby, Ontario native and recent member of the Canadian U-19 team that toured Australia over winter break, undressed her former teammates with a rash of glittering assists.

Last season's leading scorer (27-26-53) twice set up goals for sophomore Sarah DeStefano and the final tally by freshman Kaitlyn Fuller.

Coupled with the suffocating defense of senior Christine Yoon, Hanley only allowed a single goal in the entire second half.

"I think we played pretty well against our first competition of the spring," said head coach Jen Johnson. "We are definitely a young team but we have more athleticism and depth than in years past."

"The weather certainly provided its challenges today but we play and practice in it everyday so we were used to it."



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont junior Emilie Clark (2) beats her Canadian defender in Saturday's preseason matchup. Clark was one of three Catamounts to record two goals.





# Men's Basketball Keeps First Place

**A pair of wins against BU and UMBC secures first place for Vermont in the America East conference**

By KAT WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

The UVM men's basketball team came back from a 12-point deficit to defeat the number three place Boston University by nine points last Monday at Patrick Gym.

In the first half, turnovers by the Cats were cashed in by BU freshmen Tyler Morris and Carlos Strong. Morris, America East's most recent rookie of the week, led the Terriers with 10 points in the first half.

Chris Holm, two-time player of the week, struggled to keep up with the speed of the BU guards taking it to the basket.

"The guards were so quick that they would get to the rim before Chris could get there," Coach Mike Lonergan said after the game.

Trimboli, Holm and Kilmes all had trouble scoring in the first half, giving the Terriers an early lead.

Chad Powlovich kept the Cats in the game with some

tremendous rebounds and non-stop hustle. His efforts helped UVM cut the BU lead from 12 points to 5, making the half time score 33-28, BU.

"We had a tough start," Lonergan said. "Chad really kept us in the first half with some hustle."

The second half started off with a 3-pointer by Trimboli, followed closely by a lay-up from Kilmes to tie the game 33-33.

The Terriers fought back to take an eight point lead, but a combined effort from Cieplicki, Holm and Kilmes would finally give the Cats their first lead of the game.

Vermont took the lead and ran with it, leading BU by 13 points with about eight minutes left in the second half.

Powlovich and Cieplicki kept up their hustle in the second while Trimboli and Kilmes were consistently scoring.

BU's Tyler Morris, Corey Lowe and Carlos Strong attempts to defeat the Cats were stopped by UVM's defense and Holm's rebounding skills as he recorded 16 boards.

In the last two minutes, BU became desperate for ball control and started fouling. Nick Vier and Mike Trimboli went 6-6 from the foul line, sealing the victory for the Cats, 72-63.

Tyler Morris had 19 points for the Terriers while Corey

Lowe added 18 and Carlos Strong had 14.

Vermont, still in control of the America East standings, was led by Mike Trimboli with 20 points, followed by Kilmes with 12 and Cieplicki with 11. Powlovich ended up with six points and received player of the game for his outstanding effort in both halves.

"The game can change so quickly," Kilmes said. "When we get that ten point lead we are really good at containing it."

The Cats' next game is against #4 Maine on Feb. 13. UVM, now 11-1 in America East, will be fighting to keep their number one spot.

**Thursday, Feb. 8  
Vermont vs. UMBC**

**Score by Periods**

UMBC: 23 - 34 - 57

Vermont: 24 - 42 - 66

**Points in the paint**

UMBC 22

Vermont 34

**Points off turnovers**

UMBC 13

Vermont 14

**Largest lead**

UMBC by five in first - 11:28

Vermont by 14 in second - 12:37



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Colin McIntosh goes for a hook shot in Thursday night's contest against UMBC. McIntosh led the Cats with 14 off the bench on 6-of-9 shooting.

## Boston U. Tops Women's Basketball

**Unusually poor shooting cripples the Cats against BU, but Vermont still manages to hold on to third place in America East**

By NICK DECARO

Staff Writer

Shots have been falling perfectly all season long for Vermont's women's basketball team, but on Wednesday night, the accurate shooting of the Catamounts failed them.

Boston University, led by a career high 22 points from Aly Hinton and a stifling 2-3 zone defense, was able to smother Vermont's offense all night, which made only eight field goals in each half.

"We shot poorly which led to a tough day all around," Coach Sharon Dawley added after the game. "No lineup really got in a flow and it caused us to become tentative."

Vermont started out strong with a quick layup by senior captain Brittney Cross, followed by a three pointer from freshman Courtney Pilypaitis to grab an early five point lead.

It would be another ten minutes before the Catamounts registered another field goal.

Boston University was able to capitalize on the dry spell and string together a 9-0 run to take the lead. They carried a 30-23 advantage into the half.

Vermont came out firing in the second half, and appeared to have found their accuracy, which had been missing in the first half.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Pilypaitis brought the Cats to within two, and freshman May Kostopoulos tied the game with two of her five points.

Hinton and BU answered with a run of their own, capitalizing on screens that generated multiple easy layups and gave the lead back to the Terriers.

Another three by Pilypaitis and a jumper by

sophomore Sy Janousek brought the Catamounts to within one again.

However, BU then rattled off a 13-0 run that put the game out of reach.

Vermont was able to close to within seven points, but then was forced to foul, which Boston was able to convert on six of its last eight foul shots to seal the 61-49 win.

"Sometimes the ball just doesn't roll in for you, it is definitely frustrating but we need to keep our focus," Pilypaitis commented after leading her team with 19 points and nine rebounds.

With the win, BU is now 12-11 overall with a 4-6 record in America East, while Vermont drops to 15-7 overall, 5-4 in the conference.

Vermont still holds onto third place in America East trailing only Hartford and Stony Brook.

The Catamounts are on the road for their next two games, against league leading Hartford and Maine before returning home on Saturday, Feb. 17th, to host Binghamton at 1 pm.



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

May Kotsopoulos (4) attempts a shot in Wednesday's night's game against Boston University. Kotsopoulos scored five points in the contest.

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Just over half way through their first season, freshmen Courtney Pilypaitis (left) and May Kostopoulos (right) of Ontario, Canada, are already proving themselves to be leaders on the basketball court.





## Blizzard Storms Valentine's Day



**Instead of Cupid's arrow, Vermont gets hit with record snow storm**

By NOAH STAUM

Assistant News Editor

Several snowfall and precipitation records were broken and new ones set by what is being referred to as the Valentine's Day Storm of 2007.

By 1:00 a.m. on Feb. 15, enough snow had fallen to make the storm the second greatest to ever occur in Burlington, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). NWS reports a 25.7 inch snowfall at Burlington International Airport, falling short of the 29.8 inches that the town received in 1969.

The storm was severe enough to cause a two-day University closing — the first shutdown of classes in two decades, according to University Communications.

The storm did bring home some first prize snow fall and precipitation prizes.

According to the NWS, the 1934 record of 23.1 inches in 24 hours in Burlington was broken with the 25.3 inches received in 24 hours on Wednesday.

"It's no surprise that this was a record-breaking storm," UVM student Jason Deoliveira said. "I mean, it'll be great for snowboarding, but other than that this much snow seems to cause more problems than it's worth for a lot of people."

The storm also set a new precipitation record of 1.94 inches, which breaks the 1937 record of 0.90 inches, according to NWS.

Although Burlington broke some town records, it was Cambridge that had the most snowfall of 36 inches, according to NWS.

The storm wasn't simply a two-day break from school. The *Burlington Free Press* reported that over a dozen people had to go to the hospital because of carbon

(Adam Brier/Vermont Cynic)

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UVM student braves the record breaking Valentine's Day Blizzard of 2007.

## Middlebury College Levies Ban on Wikipedia



**Wikipedia no longer considered a legitimate source by Middlebury College**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK

Assistant News Editor

Middlebury College's history department recently made a dramatic step against a popular Web-based encyclopedia. The history department issued a ban against the

use of Wikipedia as a citation for their history papers.

"Wikipedia is not an acceptable citation, even though it may lead one to a citable source," reads their new policy according to the *Burlington Free Press*.

"It is a useful beginning point that can point to better-vetted sources, or suggest possible research topics. .... It cannot serve as the end of the research process, and it cannot stand as an authoritative citation." Neil Waters, the History Professor and impetus

behind the Middlebury policy, said in an interview with the *Burlington Free Press*.

According to its own Wikipedia article, it was founded in 2001 by Jimmy Wales. Currently, the server and base of operations for Wikipedia is Tampa, Florida.

According to its own facts, Wikipedia has a self described 1.6 million articles in the English section of their Web site. According to the *Burlington Free Press*, the Wikipedia Foundation responded to the announcement from Middle-

bury with a statement that read. "We think that this is a sensible policy, Wikipedia is the ideal place to start your research and get a global picture of a topic; however, it is not an authoritative source."

No organ within the University of Vermont has made any move to follow suit with Middlebury's history department at this time.

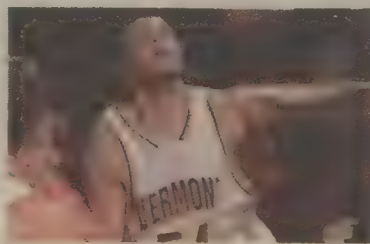
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# Renowned Political Economist Visits UVM



(James Turitto/Vermont Cynic)

Rifkin addresses students and professors alike in Billings

**Economist Jeremy Rifkin visits UVM and extols the virtues of his answer to the world's economic woes**

By JAMES TURITTO

Cynic Correspondent

Between sitting on the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change in Paris and advising Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin on economic sustainability, Jeremy Rifkin, an acclaimed American economist, had time to visit UVM to present a lecture on "Europe, America and the Global Economy."

The lecture, part of the Burack President's Distinguished Lecture Series, took place Jan. 13, at 5 p.m. at the North Lounge of Billings.

Over the past 30 years, Rifkin has been quite active in the field of economics, working to bridge the gap between politics and the environment.

He has advised the heads of states of numerous countries, testified before Congressional committees on Capitol Hill, lectured at over 200 universities worldwide and mentored CEOs and senior management

officials.

Rifkin focused his lecture on his 2004 book, "The European Dream: How Europe's Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream."

The book illustrates a new conflict of ideals that is brewing between the United States and the European Union. It juxtaposes the American Dream with the European Dream.

Using his 20 years of experience in the European continent, Rifkin argues that the European Dream is more suitable to meet the challenges of globalization.

"I grew up on the American dream," he said. "[But] in America, we still have that frontier idea. If you spoil your nest, no problem, move to the next one."

The American Dream, he continued, is about freedom, independence and growth. "Throughout our childhood, our parents teach us to be self-sufficient." The American Dream is about religiosity.

The European Dream, on the other hand, "...is new and emerging. It's young and embryonic. The European Dream is about the quality of life."

Rifkin explained that the European Dream is adaptable; it promotes inclusivity; and,

most importantly, it adopts the ideas of sustainable development. They are concerned with human and social rights, and such rights like the right to vacation, he argued.

In a world that is facing the difficult challenges of globalization, the problems of overconsumption, the disappearance of natural resources and an annual rise in global temperatures, Rifkin explains he is providing an answer.

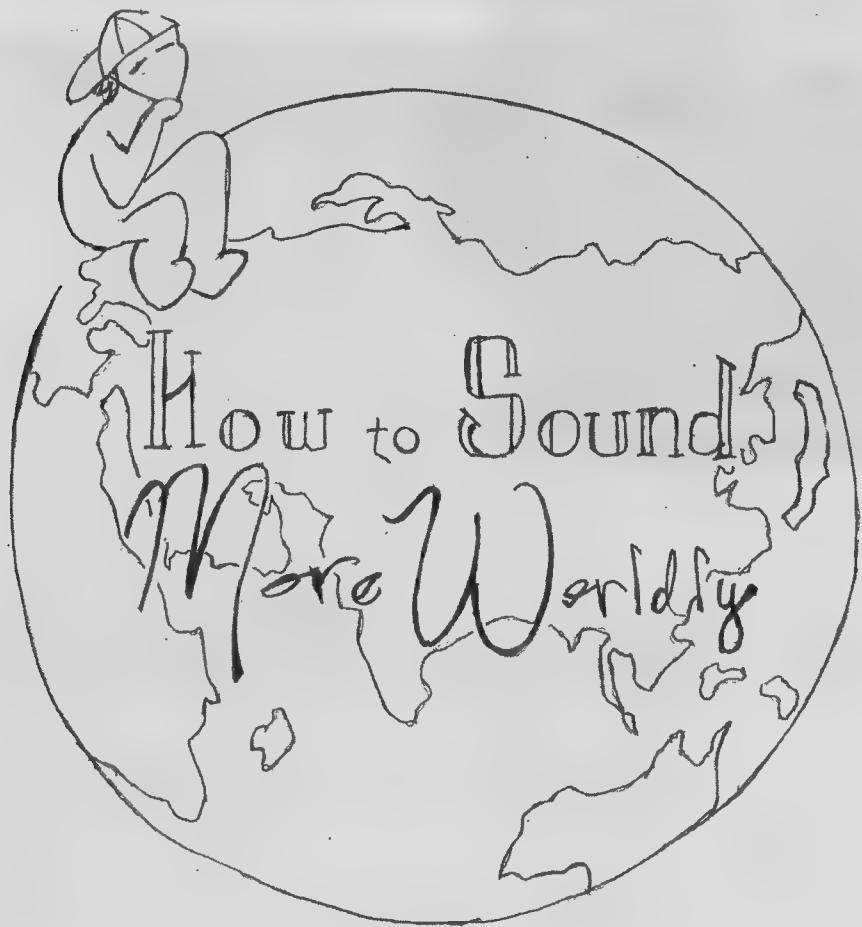
"There are caveats, and there is a strong hypocrisy in the European Dream," Rifkin said. Multicultural diversity and inclusiveness are not widespread ideals on the European continent.

"I wrote this book for my American friends to say 'maybe there is something we can learn from the Europeans.' And for my European friends to say 'maybe there is something we can learn from the Americans,'" Rifkin said.

Currently, Rifkin is president of the Foundation on Economic Trends (FOET) in Washington, D.C., where he studies emerging trends in science and technology and identifies their impacts on society, the environment and the economy.

He is the author of 17 books, which have been translated into 30 different languages.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • Strategy Found in Increase of Copter Attacks

Feb 17 – recently captured documents provide evidence that recent attacks are part of a larger strategy. Seven helicopters have been shot down since Jan. 20—more than the number shot down in 2006.

### • Sudan Rejects U.N. Again

Sudan's President Omar Hassan al-Bashir denied visas to a U.N. human rights team, citing his sentiment that members of the team were not impartial.

### • Baby Bones Dug-Up Outside Indian Hospital

Police found 390 pieces of bones of newly born babies or fetuses outside a Christian missionary hospital in Central India.

### • Senate Rejects Resolution to Challenge Bush

Feb 17 – the Senate rejected a resolution to oppose the increase of troops in Iraq. However, majority leader Harry Reid said Senate sentiment is against the President.

### • Rice Struggles To Hold Peace Talks

Feb. 18 – Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited Jerusalem and the West Bank in an attempt to restart Middle East peace talks between Palestinian and Israeli officials.

### • Scrotum in Children's Books

Children's book "The Higher Power of Lucky," by Susan Patron, winner of the Newbery Medal, has a rattlesnake biting a dog on the scrotum on the first page.

### • Retired Center is Gay

Feb. 12 – John Amaechi is first N.B.A. player to acknowledge he is gay. He recently released a book entitled "Man in the Middle."

### • 60 Slain in Baghdad Car Bombs

Feb 18 – minutes after American soldiers patrolled area, two car bombs exploded in a crowded market, killing at least 60.



# Bringing Safe Sex Back

**UVM celebrates Sexual Responsibilities Awareness Week by replicating MTV's "Singled Out"**

By SAMANTHA PALLEY  
Cynic Correspondent

Well over 100 people filed in around 7:30 p.m. to participate, work or simply watch UVM's replication of "Singled Out," the MTV dating show from the early '90s.

The event, held at Ira Allen Chapel on Tuesday, Feb 13, was sponsored by Greek Life and Free to Be; The LGBTQA.

Organizer Elise Gambardella stated that the goal was to "host an entertaining and fun rendition of the 1990s show on MTV, keeping it as inclusive and welcoming as possible. The event was also to raise awareness during Sexual Responsibilities Awareness Week, with a focus on the "Tell Someone's [campaign] against HPV."

Attendees were charged \$2 admission, as well as the opportunity to buy merchandise from Relay for Life, a UVM fundraiser for the American Cancer Society happening Apr. 14 and 15 in Burlington.

Gambardella also serves as philanthropy chair for the Panhellenic Council, the governing group for sororities at UVM. "All of the proceeds for the event went to Relay for Life at UVM... I am proud to announce that we raised around \$550," she said.

The "Singled Out" dating

game consisted of an eligible bachelor or bachelorette who was blindfolded while they answered questions such as, "Do you kiss on the first date?" or, "McDonald's or Burger King?"

Contestants in the would-be date group were weeded out depending on their predetermined answers according to the bachelor/ette's response. Participants with answers unlike the blindfolded person's were removed from the game until finally one girl or boy was left, singled out as the bachelor/ette's date.

Cute, huh?

This went on for several hours amidst cheers and heckling from the audience, most of whom already knew each other, as both the audience and participants seemed about ninety nine percent Greek life members. "I'm here because my fraternity told me to be," Scott May, a junior admitted. "Yeah, basically everyone here is part of Greek life."

Yet if Gambardella and other organizers of UVM's Sex Week hoped only to "make students aware of facts" by handing out flyers with useful HPV information or buttons clarifying that Chlamydia is not a flower, they would not have gone so far as to create a spectacle like "Singled Out".

Some participants, such as sophomores Michelle Laliberte and Amanda Herbert, attended specifically to support the fundraising cause. "We wanted to get money for Relay for Life. It's a really fun thing to do. And we hope to meet the love of our lives," they affirmed through eruptions of

suppressed laughter.

Perhaps participant Josh Miner, a junior, best exemplified the other aim of Tuesday's event: to have a good time. "I heard about [the event] through Facebook. I wanted to participate because I'm single and I'd like to find someone. It's a fun thing to do. But Relay for Life didn't influence my decision to participate."

But involvement in Greek life did appear to be a key influence for a lot of attendees. Many in the audience came to cheer on their fellow Greek life members. "It's a Greek life event. I'm here to support my sisters and participate with other Greeks," said Nicole Santulli, a freshman.

Sophomore Emma Panciu explained her presence, saying, "This is a great opportunity for Greek life to get together and support a great cause. It should be an entertaining evening."

"UVM does a great job hosting a variety of events to educate students on sex and relationships," said Gambardella, who also acknowledged that "most of the people working the event are members of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils here at UVM."

While Singled Out was imbued with the cultist atmosphere of any Greek life event, the event did offer plenty of other reasons for going. Whether you were there to learn about STDs, meet a potential husband, cheer on fellow brothers, or laugh at the Greek life organization, the dating game certainly made for an entertaining evening across the board.



## Cat\$cratch Scam?



**Rumors of Catscratch abuse of funds put to rest**

By DANIELLE DIARBAKERLY  
Cynic Correspondent

Rumors of a Catscratch scam are dispelled after weeks of student speculation of overcharging.

CatScratch is the point system that allows students to make purchases at locations other than University dining facilities, such as downtown restaurants and shops, using their CatCard. CatScratch can also be used on copy machines, laundry machines, and vending machines around campus.

Students conjectured that when they made a purchase, their CatScratch account was charged a rounded amount, rather than the actual cost of the product they purchased. This widely accepted notion is untrue.

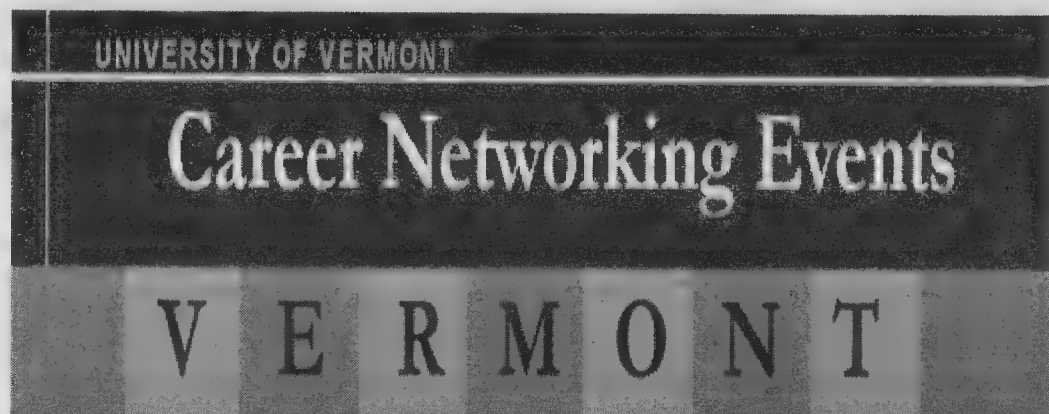
"CatScratch works just like meal points, dollar for dollar, penny for penny," said Kristine Leavitt, the techni-

cal support specialist at the CatCard Service Center. Cards are charged the exact amount of the purchase.

Leavitt explains that the only area which may cause confusion among students is when using CatScratch on copy, laundry and vending machines. The point of sale system will obtain a preauthorized amount until the transaction is complete. "The machine escrows it for a moment, then immediately gives it back."

The only cost that students may be charged when using CatScratch is when they deposit money from a credit card to the CatCard via the UVM Web site. This fee is to service the Web site. If students go to the office to deposit money in their CatScratch account there is no fee.

Though students are charged the exact amount of their purchase, there is no insurance on CatScratch. If a student loses their card any charges made will not be refunded. Students must immediately report a lost card so that it can be disabled and no money or points will be lost.



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# Valentine's Day Blizzard



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Students use the mountains of snow as a substitute to a trip to the mountains



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

When the driving gets tough, the snowshoers get going



(Austin Danforth/Vermont Cynic)

Some of the Harris/Millis dining hall staff who braved the blizzard to come to work

## Through Rain, Sleet or Snow— UVM Dining

By NOAH STAUM

Assistant News Editor

Although for students the recent record-breaking storm meant no class, for dining hall workers it meant increased burden and obligation.

Tom Fondakowski, Dining Services manager of Harris/Millis, along with other staff members there and at other dining halls on campus put extra time and effort in during the storm to feed campus residents.

Fondakowski stayed overnight Wednesday along with two other workers, unit chef Gale Coleman and cashier Shirley Philips. Fondakowski said that

two dining hall workers on Trinity campus stayed overnight as well.

In addition to him having to stay at work overnight on Valentine's Day with a wife and two kids at home, Fondakowski mentioned other hardships during the storm, including delayed deliveries, food shortages, shoveling out the dumpster and recycling areas themselves, and keeping the dining hall clean.

"99 percent of the students were grateful," Fondakowski said and mentioned how a lot of students thanked him and others for their efforts.

"I'm proud of my staff," he said. "The people here have the best intentions."

## What are you doing next year?

Here's what students are saying about the new one-year MBA:

"The professors are approachable. We learned so much in a short period of time.

"My classmates are fantastic, too. We get along well and we socialize on weekends. I really like that they come from a variety of backgrounds.

"I studied biology as an undergraduate. What I am learning now will help me in my medical career."

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# STORM

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monoxide poisoning from snow piles blocking vents of gas appliances. They also reported a number of collapsed barns, that killed a number of cows.

There was also the problem of finding a place to put the record-breaking heaps of snow. The director of the Physical Plant, Sia Chiarelli, said that his crew had to truck snow to Centennial Field due to a lack of space, according to University Communications.

"Nevermind the fact that it took me an hour to shovel out my car, driving in general is a lot harder," said Deoliveira. "Traffic

can be gridlocked at times. It'll take me a half-hour to drive what usually takes five minutes."

The Physical Plant crews weren't the only ones working hard during the storm though. Dining Hall service workers are essential employees who needed to trudge through the mounds of snow to come to work so campus residents could be fed.

The snow's not a burden for everyone though.

"It's freakin' awesome," UVM student Justin LeMoine, who is also a member of the Ski and Snowboard Club, said.



Bicycles on campus weather the storm.

(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

# WIKIPEDIA

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proclamation to our students forbidding the use of Wikipedia in papers," said James Overfield, chairman of the

UVM History department. "We think it's amazing that an institution of Middlebury's standing considers it necessary," Overfield said.

"I think that it can be a very helpful tool, but it should never be the only source for information," freshmen Georgia Katinas said.

"Even more than most encyclopedias, Wikipedia is a place to start one's research, not an authoritative guide. But this is common knowledge; there's no need to spell this out in an official policy," Overfield said.

However, Waters felt that a policy needed to be put in place for Middlebury, and did

*"Wikipedia is a place to start one's research, not an authoritative guide."*

*-UVM History Chair Professor Overfield*

so for varied reasons.

"One was the increasing appearance of Wikipedia citations in term papers. Some students in fact explained to me that their high school teachers had encouraged them to cite Wikipedia," Waters said, in an interview with the Burlington Free Press.

Some students at UVM feel it's an unneeded step for Middlebury College to implement a policy for their students to tell them what they already know.

"I don't do it [use Wikipedia] and I get kinda irritated when teachers or whatnot print out handouts from Wikipedia, like it's some kind of legitimate source," freshmen Kerrie Keller said.

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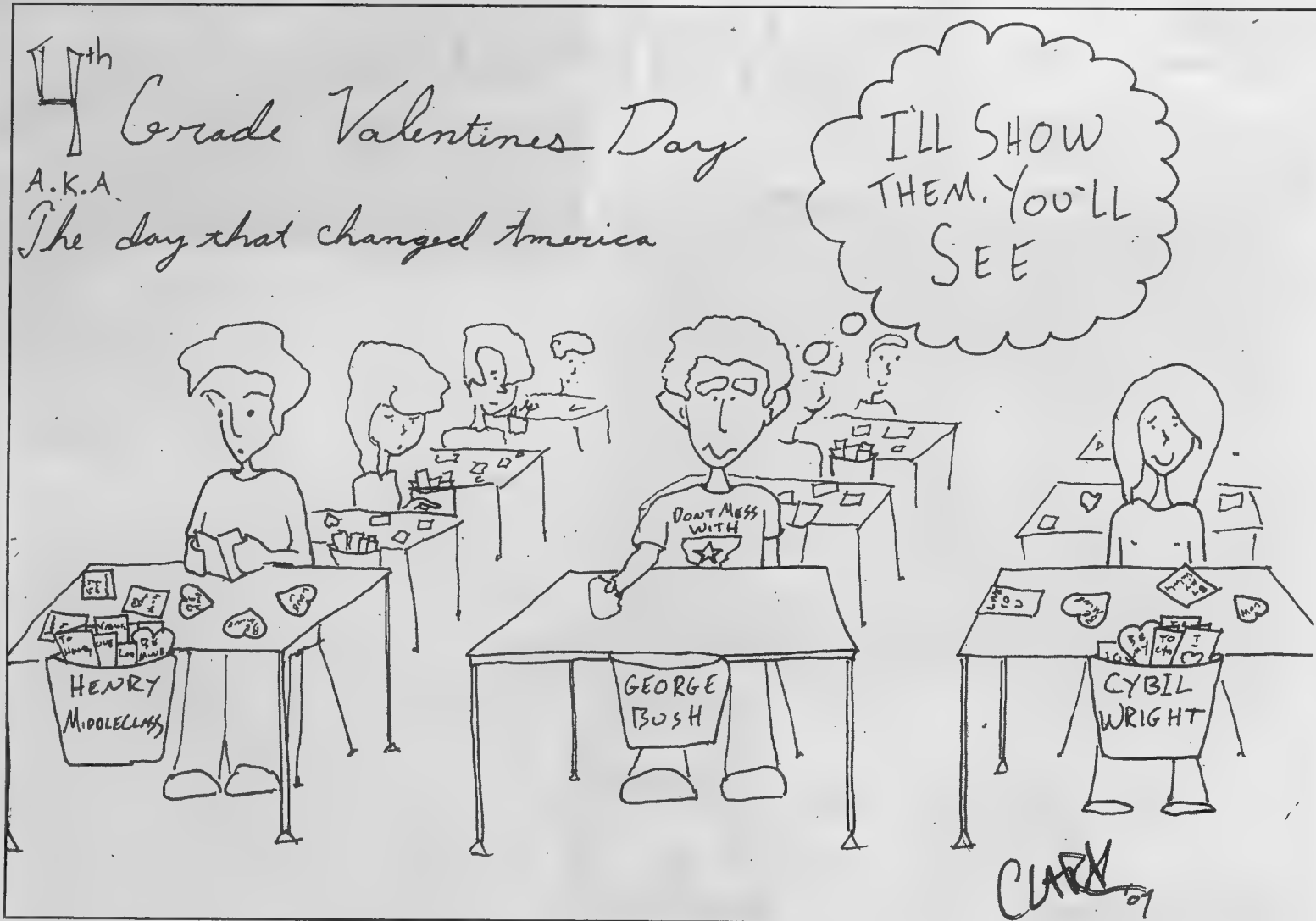
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# Educational Discourse on Trial

Kensington Moore - News Editor

Educational discourse, as we currently know it in the United States of America, is on trial in the Arizona State Senate. Republican Majority Leader Sen. Thayer Verschoor is seeking to pass a bill (SB 1542) that would forbid educators from engaging in political discourse within the context of the classroom. The bill has already passed out of the Government Committee with a party line vote in favor of a "do pass" recommendation.

On the surface, the bill sounds like an ethical prerogative that might be applied more uniformly over the educational curricula. Teachers shouldn't use their classrooms as a soapbox upon which to stand and deliver political rhetoric in the classroom. They should provide unbiased accounts of contemporary viewpoints and not use their position of power to sway the students who look up to them. Right? Wrong.

This bill is another example of the polit-

ical doublespeak that is becoming so common in today's political discourse.

The bill states that a teacher shall not "Advocate one side of a social, political or cultural issue that is a matter of partisan controversy." This seems legitimate until one attempts to define partisan controversy. Essentially partisan controversy could be construed as to allow any minority to subject educational curricula to their viewpoints no matter how ludicrous or malicious.

Further, the educator would not be permitted to lend weight to any side of the debate over the others, thus allowing minorities, such as holocaust deniers, the same presence in the classroom as those who choose to acknowledge the tragedy that befell Europe in the early to mid-20th century.

If passed into law the bill would allow the attorney general or the county attorney

in the county in which the alleged violation took place to initiate a suit in the superior court of that county. This would allow the attorney general and/or the county attorney to control the educational curriculum in that county.

An obvious hypothetical example of abuse of this power in a conservative state would be the forcing of creationism into educational curricula alongside scientific theories of evolution.

Any educator who is found guilty of violating this bill, if passed into law, will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 dollars and will further be subject to revocation of their teaching license, essentially depriving them of their livelihood.

If this bill passes into law, the very foundation of the American educational system would be subjected to the whims of political activism in a very direct and very destructive way.

## A Goldfish Holiday

Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

We're not so different than goldfish. Swim to the top of the bowl, swim to the bottom, check out the plastic castle, eat, poop and repeat. No, I'm not saying that we spend all day swimming and checking out castles. The point is that like goldfish, most Americans get caught in the same routines and share with our aquatic counterparts an attention span of a few seconds.

Maybe that is why we need to invent holidays like Valentine's Day to remind ourselves to appreciate our loved ones.

Like the goldfish, we rarely (if ever) stop to realize that we're trapped in the same mundane cycle. We go to school, we go to work, eat, go to the same party, watch some T.V., maybe spends some time on a hobby, poop and repeat.

When you really think about it, we've become imprisoned in this routine, another feature we share with the life of a goldfish. School loans, car loans, mortgage payments and all of our responsibilities ensure that we will stay trapped in our

personal fishbowls.

Maybe this is why the overwhelming majority of Americans speak only one language.

Unless you have Bill Gates' money, your world has boundaries, but it doesn't have to be that way.

Caging animals has for the most part been universally accepted as being practice that, for the animal, is a less attractive lifestyle than being in the wild. I shouldn't have to convince you that the circus elephant would rather be in the African bush and the goldfish would rather be in a pond.

So how can humans live in the wild?

Well, there are a few options. Moving to Papua New Guinea or abandoning all responsibilities and wondering aimlessly as a bum doesn't sound too appealing. The inexhaustible web of civilization is far too pervasive to just shrug off entirely. But we can start approaching our lives from a new paradigm.

I'm imagining a paradigm in which

people realize that life is too short to be wasted worrying about how to pack their free time chock-full of meaningless distractions between their numerous responsibilities.

Think about how much fun it is to go to a Halloween party, eat a big Thanksgiving dinner or how good it felt to get that dozen roses and chocolate from your significant other on Valentine's Day.

In this new paradigm we can break out of these annual routines and make each day a celebration. Pick a random week for starters. On Tuesday, surprise that loved one with flowers and a night at the movies. Thursday, invite friends and family over and cook a big turkey and have yourselves a feast. And there is no reason that you can't go out on Saturday night to a costume party and have a great time.

The point is that we should stop using these holidays as an excuse to live our lives how we want to. Be spontaneous, and turn everyday into a celebration.



## Letter to the Editor

## If Longley Only Had a Brain...

In Europe during the dark ages it was "tantamount to treason" to castigate the leader — but this is the 21st century in the United States. Freedom of speech is part of the democratic package that our troops are dying for. By advocating censorship, it is you who are being unpatriotic.

In actuality, Bush is not getting half of the criticism that he deserves, especially from the media, particularly in reference to his motives for going to war. While we couldn't be sure of Hussein's situation with "WMDs," we were sure of Kim Jong-Il's. If this war was over nuclear weapons, why did we not also invade North Korea?

As with most of your claims, you completely missed the point with the parallel between Iraq and Vietnam. In each case, vet-

erans from both wars came home and agreed that they should have stayed home. Furthermore, while John Kerry may have changed his mind, that does not make him indecisive. In 2004, we were already embroiled in a losing war — the obvious choice for commander in chief should have been the candidate that had actually gone to war.

Please don't bring women's suffrage into this either. Violence is the least effective way to bring social and legal change. Study history: education is the best weapon against oppression. So, while you and your constituents might have more than half a brain, at least we are using the half we have.

KELSEY BORJESON, CLASS OF 2007

JAKE MEANY

## Arbitrary Requirements Have Got To Go

Twice a year, UVM students engage in one of the most traditional aspects of higher education — we choose our classes. Or rather our classes are chosen for us.

The university has a list of general education requirements that a student must fulfill in order to graduate. This is a practical demonstration of a liberal education framework. We get a wealth of knowledge that is supposed to create a breadth of information and instruction that will shape our minds and create informed citizens.

That antiquated idea just no longer holds for what higher education has become — a force of social mobility. We as students go to get the money and futures we desire.

While the general education requirements are supposed to maintain campuses as institutions of social and democratic equality, they are actually the antagonist.

Many students see these requirements as a chore, and its limiting the ability of students to choose classes outside their area of concentration that might actually develop interest in new subject matter or areas.

For example, the University requires that a student take two physical education requirements. That makes sense in theory, since part of being a productive member of society means staying healthy (at least to help a deteriorated health care system). Yet the University allows classes like bowling (which I would consider a sport with about as much athletic values as ice fishing).

The University also only requires two credits, which could only give a student "physical" action for two days a week for a year. And I have never heard of a student taking PE credits because they wanted to exercise. Maybe



those should be replaced with a 6-week class on nutrition and healthy living, which, as anyone that has been to the dining hall knows, is lacking from students.

The university also requires a student take three diversity requirements starting next year. I do believe that the university should foster a diversity of knowledge, but this might be too much. Diversity in race, sexual orientation and gender should not be made exclusive to the classroom. There are other ways that time and energy of both the school and the student body could learn about identity politics than a classroom.

The University requires that subjects be forced upon students. I believe that the University should respect the autonomy of each of its individual students and work with rather than above them. I am not advocating idleness, rather a renewed rigor that is tailored for each student.

By making some of its requirements so straightforward with little flexibility, we lose a generation of individuals who see education as a means to an end, not the end itself. That seems to violate one of the basic tenets of college, shaping the individual.

Some students can get more out of a sociology class than Math 17, why deny them that right?

Benjamin Franklin once said "much of the learning now in use is not of much use."

While I believe that all knowledge has a value, the mistake with the general requirement system is that it mistakes value for universal value.

I want to believe that college is not tryouts for the "chores" of our future — I want to believe in learning and experience and getting the most of my experience.

I know that I received a fine education and have developed a new sense of my mind and self, but making sure my education fits the standardized rubric was not what got me there.

DENNIS ROBILLARD

## Illuminate Yourself

"I want to express myself."

"I understand this."

"I'm looking for my voice."

"It is in your mouth."

-Everything Is Illuminated



That exchange between protagonist and author Jonathan Safran Foer and his Ukrainian translator Alex in *Everything Is Illuminated* is thrown into a conversation written in a single paragraph that spans three pages.

It's an easy few sentences to lose amidst quotation marks and Alex's broken, hilarious, yet well-intentioned English.

This is fitting considering the way that its meaning often escapes us, particularly as college students. It seems to be that we often spend so much time trying to find "ourselves," as if it's hidden under a rock or in some far-off country.

Foer is a young, aspiring writer that travels to the Ukraine to find the woman that saved his grandfather from the Nazis during the Holocaust — and he's a lot like many of us.

Whether it's college, another state or the Ukraine, immediately after graduating high school we are charged with the task of having the next few years of our lives to find ourselves, to find our identity and to figure out what the hell we're going to do with our lives.

Assuming you are completely average, you graduated high school at 18 and will get married at 25, which gives you seven years to look for how you will define yourself for the next 50 years (assuming you die at the average age).

While no price can be put on the experiences one would have while at college, traveling, working, meeting people or whatever, it seems important to remember that no one experience, however enlightening and transcendent is going to change what you came there as.

It seems to me that the problem is that when we go off on these journeys, we expect things. We want to be transformed and to return a much different, more profound, and more assured person, a result of some higher clarification that inevitably came upon us while there.

This, to me, is a problem. We shouldn't expect things from other people or destinations. We can't expect to be told what our voices are, or how to express ourselves from some third party.

If 500 sets of hands all mold and shape some clay into 500 different shapes, some hideous, some beautiful and some mediocre, even if bits and pieces are added, at the core, they are all manipulating the same lump of clay.

I realize the hypocrisy here. A 21 year-old student who doesn't have the faintest clue what he's doing this weekend much less with his life, writing about how to decide what to do with yours. I by no means have it figured out, but I'm a bit less stressed about the search than I was before I thought about this.

When Foer went to the Ukraine, he was looking to be inspired, to find himself, for some invisible hand to come down and mold him into the most beautiful, expressive shape possible. But it took one of the simplest responses to one of the most common questions of twenty-somethings with no idea what to do with their lives, for him to find what was with him all along.

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## Policies Make Usage More Dangerous

The college experience is supposed to entail self-discovery and freedom.



We students intend to find independence within the lecture halls and dorm rooms of the University; and an opportunity — in a manner — that many of us have never before experienced — to make decisions for ourselves and to learn from our mistakes.

These decisions should be ours alone. It is not the duty of the administrative branches of this school to dictate for us the bounds of morality, or to go above and beyond the call of duty in enforcing state and federal laws.

Yet with your drug and alcohol policies, this is precisely the course of action that you, those in charge of The University of Vermont, have chosen to pursue.

The recently adopted policies of the University violate the spirit of a college education, and may even be dangerous and counterproductive. They have severed the bond of trust between the administration and the student body, and have changed the role of RAs from friends and advisors, to something closer to that of police officers.

As adults, the responsibility to make decisions regarding what we do with ourselves and our bodies is ours, and ours alone. All of us here have lived long enough to have formed our own opinions, and generate our own ideas of what we should and should not do, and it is not your place tell us otherwise.

The administration often cites the illegality of drug-taking and underage drinking as a reason for its enforcement policies. But it is the job of police officers, who have a rigid constitution by which they must abide, and who operate under the bounds of a carefully planned judicial system, to enforce these laws. The school has no obligation whatsoever to enforce the penal system or grant it greater liberties within the dorms, nor should it.

In attempting to entirely stamp out drinking and — to put it bluntly — pot smoking, you force these activities behind closed doors, and in so doing, increase the incentive for and likelihood of more dangerous activities such as binge drinking.

If we were to adopt an open-door policy towards the consumption of intoxicants, then RAs, as well as the community at large, would find themselves better equipped to recognize and deal with the problems that stems from abuse.

This is not merely the complaint of a bitter student whose only cares revolve around partying and neglecting the very real value that comes in attaining an education. This is a registration (by a bitter student) of worry and doubt about the future of this fine educational institution, because what is occurring here is a miscarriage of college education.

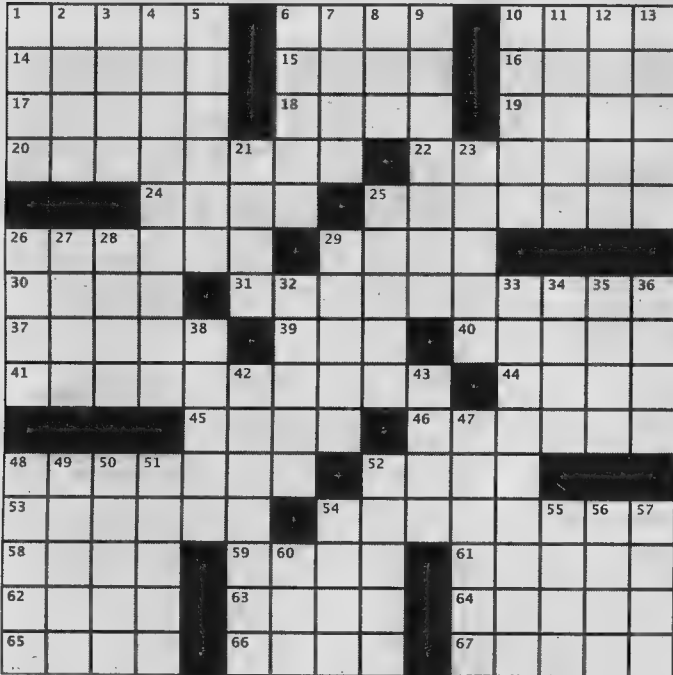
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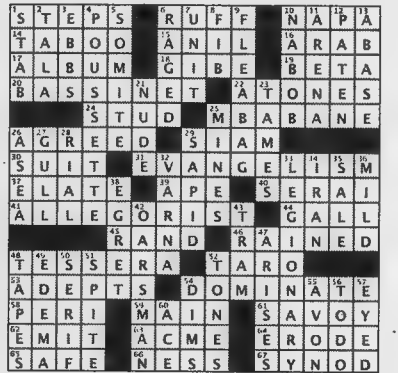
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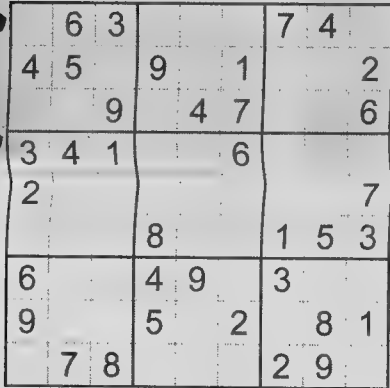


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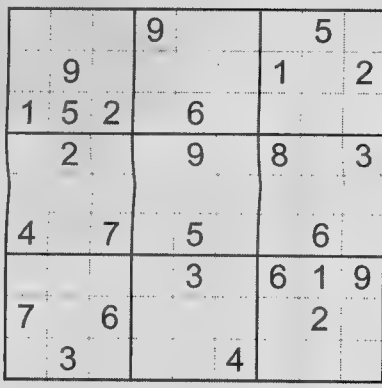
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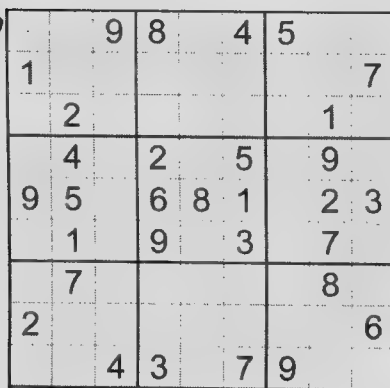
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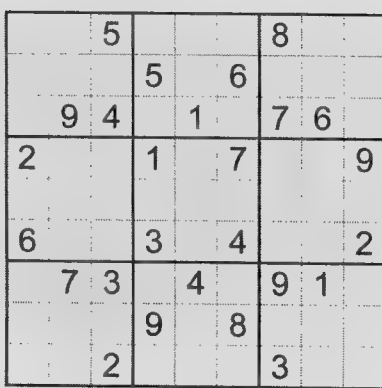
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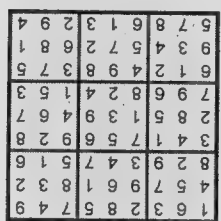
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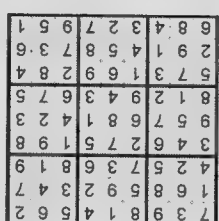
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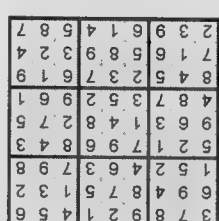
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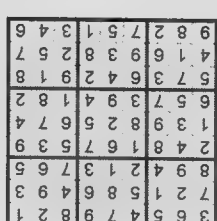
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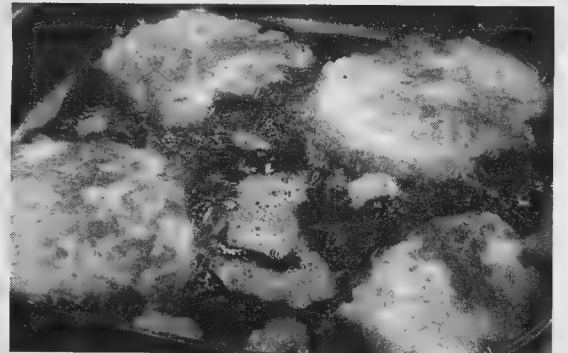
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## Holm Shines in the Senior Spotlight

**Senior Chris Holm hard work in the paint has earned him the honor of second leading rebounder in the nation**

By NICK DECARO

Staff Writer

Senior Chris Holm is certainly making the most of his final season with the Catamounts, who are steam-rolling towards the America East Conference Tournament.

He is Vermont's enforcer and has made his presence known in the paint all year, dominating opponents on the inside snatching any rebound that comes his way.

Holm has stepped up into a role of leadership on this very young Catamounts squad. He and Martin Klimes are the only seniors this year.

"I think that the biggest difference [this year] for me is my confidence, last year I was coming off of an injury, we had a new coach, and it was also after a red shirt year," the senior said.

"This year I knew what my role was going to be and I worked hard all summer trying to get prepared for the season."

Holm has prepared well.

He has improved from 8.2 points per game last season to averaging 10 points a game this year.

His rebounds have skyrocketed from an average

of 6.5 rebounds last year to 12.2 per game this season.

Holm ranks second in the entire nation in rebounding.

It is no secret that Holm pointed to rebounding when asked what his biggest impact this season was.

"The biggest impact that I feel I have added is my rebounding, so far this year I have been very consistent with that to where when we go into games the coaches and my teammates can count on me to get that rebound when we need it."

"Plus other teams know that when they play against me going into the game that they are going to have to work hard to keep me off the glass," the center added.

He draws attention from the defense which allows for more open looks on the perimeter and better scoring chances for everyone else.

Holm feels that the team is built based on the contributions of everyone.

"Our entire team has added different pieces to the puzzle to help us get where we are this year."

Holm has helped lead the Catamounts to an impressive 20-6 record overall, including an upset over then 14th ranked Boston College.

More importantly, a 12-1 in-conference record has UVM in first place headed into the home stretch of the season.

Holm has used the off-season to improve over his career.

"I have improved in many different aspects; I have gotten a lot stronger

through the years of training and lifting.

"I have improved my shooting and knowledge of the game and all that comes as you mature as a person."

Riding an eight-game winning streak and having won 15 of their last 16 games, Vermont is rolling through America East and into the conference tournament.

As the season winds down, Holm is faced with the bittersweet feeling and added pressure going into tournament time that only being a senior can bestow.

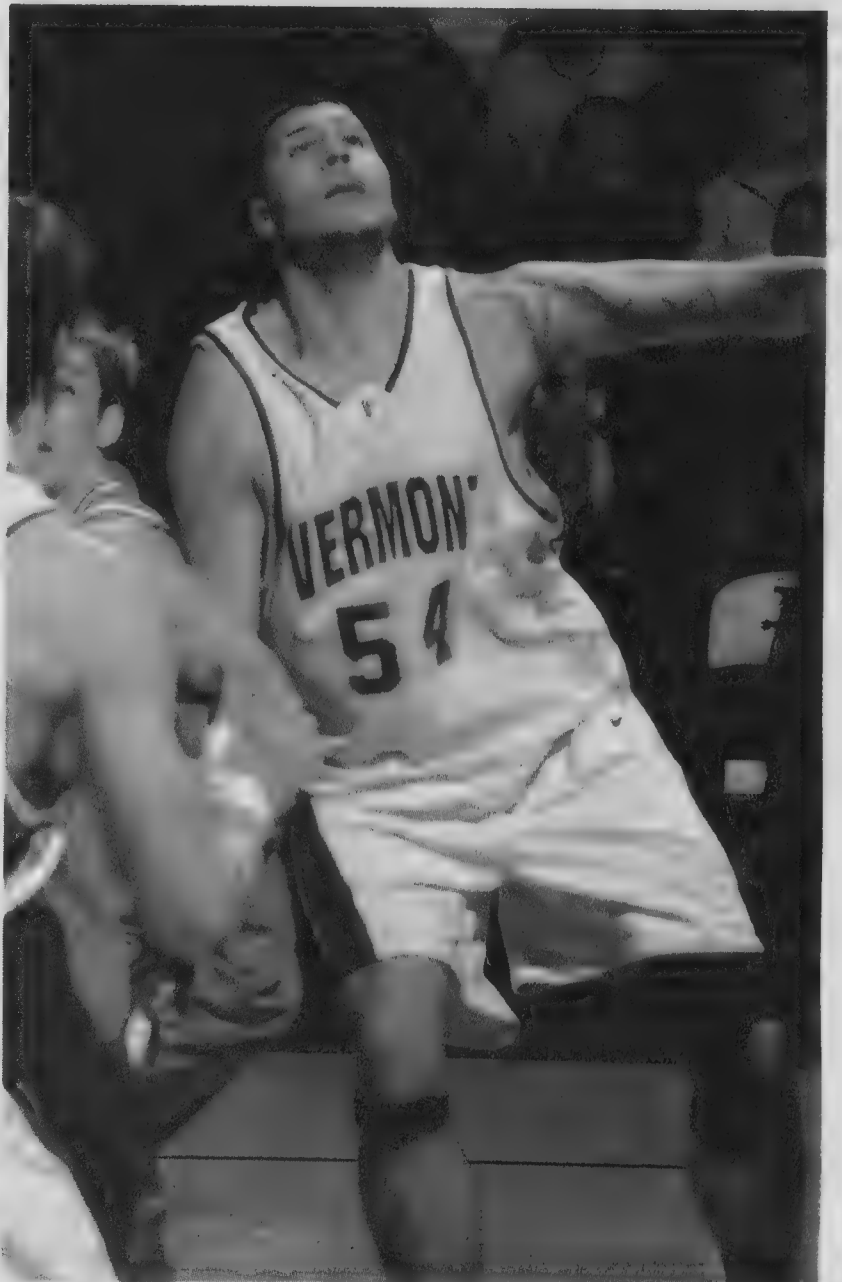
"It adds a lot of pressure just because once we get into tournament time it's one and done, and that's a sad thought because I have loved every minute being a Vermont Catamount and it's a sad realization that it is going to be over very soon."

Holm did give his story-book ending to his career.

"The perfect ending would be winning the America East and going to the NCAA tournament, that has been our goal as a team and if we do not accomplish that nothing else that has happened for us this year is going to be as sweet."

The bar is set high for Holm and the Catamounts down the stretch.

If this team has proven one thing this year it is that they can handle pressure and adversity, dealing with key injuries, and a few heart-breaking losses have prepped the Cats for a serious run towards the Big Dance.



(Sally McCay/UVM Photography)

Senior Chris Holm (54) looks to catch a rebound. Holm averages 10 points and 12.2 rebounds per game this season, an improvement from his 8.2 points and 6.5 rebounds last



(Jesse Schloff/UVM Photography)

Junior captain Greg Hardy placed second in the men's slalom at Jiminy Peak. Hardy and the Cats finished second in the Williams Carnival with 843 points behind Dartmouth's first place finish with 898 points. Dartmouth has finished first in the past five EISA carnivals.

## Track and Field Sprints to the Finish

**The men finished eighth and the women fifth, at the America East Indoor Track and Field Championships**

By DENNIS ROBILLARD

Staff Writer

When the stakes are high, sophomore Jan Carlson can do it all.

The UVM sophomore placed in all five of the events she competed in this weekend at the America East Indoor Track and Field championships held at Boston University.

Carlson, last year's America East rookie of the year and defending champion in the 55-meter dash kept her crown for a second year.

She set a new school record and more en route to getting the "High-point award" at the championship meet, garnering 23.25 points for UVM.

Carlson accounted for nearly a third of the team total of 79, leading them to a fifth-place team finish.

To receive those accolades, Carlson also finished second in the 200-meter dash, eighth in the long jump and sixth in the triple jump.

She also ran as a member

of UVM's fourth-place winning 4x400-meter relay team alongside teammate and fellow America East champion, junior Carmen Lagala.

Lagala, the defending champion in the 800-meter run, has been undefeated at distances greater than 400 meters this season and continued that streak with a time of 2:08, beating her nearest competitor by more than two seconds.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the day was the performance of freshman Shayna Dougherty who not only finished fifth in the high jump but also received second-place points in the pentathlon, narrowly losing to Albany sophomore Kamilah McShine.

The women's team had a doubly strong showing in the mile as well, with freshman Alyson Millett and junior Diana Purtz taking fifth and eighth respectively.

In addition, Millett placed seventh in the 1000-meter run and Purtz would finish eighth in the 3000-meter run.

In the throwing events, it was all Nichole Goodwin. The UVM junior placed third in the shot put and tenth in the weight throw, getting valuable points for the team total.

On the men's side, UVM senior Sean Steinhagen ended his America East indoor

track and field career with a flourish, placing eighth and fifth in the mile and 1000-meter run respectively.

Also placing for the men was freshman Justin Scricca who finished fourth while breaking the UVM record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.04 seconds.

In the 500-meter dash, sophomore David Hanss gave a strong showing, finishing fifth while just missing out on the UVM record by two-hundredths of a second.

Unfortunately, Steinhagen was the only member of the men's team to place in more than one individual event leading them to finish eighth out of nine teams at a meet in which the eventual winner was Albany.

Carlson, Lagala and Steinhagen all qualified to keep competing the indoor track and field postseason in the coming weeks.

Carlson and Steinhagen qualified for the ECAC championship meet in the 55-meter dash and in the 1000-meter run and mile, respectively.

Lagala reached the NCAA provisional qualifying time in maintaining her unbeaten streak in the 800-meter run.

Select Catamounts will also compete at Boston University again next weekend for the New England Championships.



# Swimming Ends Third Best Season in School History

**The Catamounts went 11-5 during the regular season and broke 16 school records**

By KAT WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

The UVM swimming and diving team broke the school record for overall points and placed fifth at the America East Championships last Sunday night.

The team's new record 454 points, was an incredible overall team effort including the coaches, who earned the America East's Coaching Staff of the Year award for 2006-2007.

"Overall this was just an incredible meet," said Vermont head coach Gerry Cournoyer. "I am very impressed with the team and their accomplish-

ments."

Catamount freshman Molly Macmillan, two-time America East Swimmer of the week and an ECAC Swimmer of the week, was named America East Rookie of the Year.

In addition to breaking the overall points record, the Cats ended up breaking an outstanding 14 school and five freshman records.

MacMillan led the Catamounts, breaking numerous school records including the 200-meter backstroke, 100-meter backstroke and the 500 freestyle.

On top of the individual records, she helped the 400-meter freestyle, 400-meter medley, 800-meter freestyle and 200-meter medley relay teams break four more school records.

MacMillan and fellow freshman teammate, Colleen Clark, were the top two scoring freshmen at the meet.

Clark set two new school

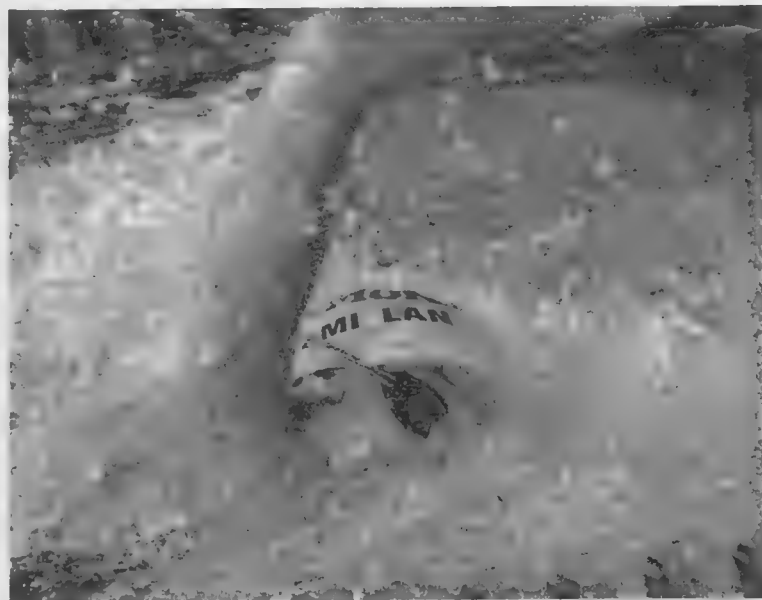
records in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle and also contributed to the record setting 400-meter and 800-meter relay team.

Sophomore Lauren Honrath broke the school records for the 1,650-meter freestyle and the 1000-meter freestyle.

Junior Nicole Underwood broke two of her own school records in the 400-meter individual medley and the 200-meter butterfly.

UMBC won the meet with a total score of 719 points as Boston University came in second with 616. New Hampshire followed with 596, then Maine with 462 and Vermont finished in fifth. Stony Brook finished sixth with 264 and Binghamton rounded out the America East Championships with 247.

The 400-meter freestyle relay team, made up of MacMillan, Clark, Shiloh Page and Rachel Kent not only set a new school record, but qualified



(Bill DiLillo/UVM Photography)

Freshman Molly MacMillan had a star season. MacMillan was named America East Rookie of the Year and broke school record in the 200 and 100 back and 500 free.

the team for the USS Short Course National Championship in December of 2007 in Atlanta, Ga.

The 800-meter freestyle relay team, made up of Clark, MacMillan, Colleen Wither and Lauren Anderson also set a school record and at the same time qualified for the national meet in 2007 as well.

"I am extremely pleased and thrilled with how we are doing and that we have seen a lot of personal bests," said head coach Gerry Cournoyer.

"We will look to build on this for next year as all of our student-athletes that competed in the meet will return next season."

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# SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK AT UVM (2.20-2.25)

Thursday (2.22)

Men's Basketball @ Boston U. (7p.m. NESN, ESPNFC)

Friday (2.23)

Skiing @ EISA Championships Carnival (9a.m.)

Track @ New England Championships (11a.m.)

Softball @ Akron (12:15p.m.)

Softball @ Tennessee-Chattanooga (4:45p.m.)

Men's Hockey @ Boston U. (8p.m. CSTV)

Saturday (2.24)

Skiing @ Williams Carnival (9a.m.)

Track @ New England Championships (10a.m.)

Softball @ Miami (Ohio) (10a.m.)

Softball @ St. Francis (12:15p.m.)

Men's Lacrosse @ Quinnipiac (1p.m.)

Women's Hockey vs. New Hampshire (2p.m.)

Women's Basketball @ Stony Brook (4p.m.)

Men's Hockey @ Boston U. (7p.m. CN8)

Sunday (2.25)

Softball @ Eastern Kentucky (11a.m.)

Men's Basketball vs. Hartford (1p.m.)

Women's Hockey vs. New Hampshire (2p.m.)

## SNOW REPORT (2.20-2.26)

Tuesday (2.20)

Few snow showers

24°/22°

Wednesday (2.21)

Few snow showers

21°/13°

Thursday (2.22)

Snow showers

27°/9°

Friday (2.23)

Mostly cloudy

14°/0°

Saturday (2.24)

Partly cloudy

18°/3°

Sunday (2.25)

Mostly cloudy

20°/12°

Monday (2.16)

Snow showers

24°/11°

## LAST WEEK (2.13-2.19)

### Men's Basketball

21-6 (13-1 A-East)

@ Maine (2.14)

UVM 44-46 - 90

Maine 35-40 - 75

vs. Binghamton (2.18)

UVM 25-46 - 71

Binghamton 21-40 - 61

### Women's Basketball

16-9 (6-6 A-East)

vs. Binghamton (2.17)

UVM 26-41 - 67

Binghamton 30-47 - 77

### Men's Hockey

16-12-4 (11-8-4 Hockey East)

vs. Massachusetts (2.16)

UVM 0-2-0 - 2

Massachusetts 2-0-1 - 3

vs. Massachusetts (2.17)

UVM 0-1-2 - 3

Massachusetts 0-0-0 - 0

### Women's Hockey

3-25-2 (1-17-1 Hockey East)

@ Northeastern (2.17)

UVM 0-1-0 - 1

Northeastern 0-2-2 - 4

@ Northeastern (2.18)

UVM 0-0-1 - 1

Northeastern 1-1-0 - 2

### Swimming & Diving

11-5 (3-1 A-East)

ECAC Championships

(2.16) 4th Place

(2.17) 5th Place

(2.18)

### Track & Field

America East Championships

(2.17) Men 8th Place

Women 5th Place

### Skiing

Williams Carnival (2.16-2.17)

2nd Place

Dartmouth 898

UVM 843

Middlebury 806

UNH 687

Williams 671

Bates 639

Colby 618

St. Lawrence Univ. 556

St. Michael's 351

Harvard 345

Bowdoin 161

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont 21-6 (13-1)

2. Albany 18-9 (11-3)

3. Boston U. 11-15 (8-6)

4. Hartford 12-15 (6-8)

5. Maine 11-16 (6-8)

6. UMBC 10-17 (6-8)

7. New Hampshire 9-18 (5-9)

8. Binghamton 11-15 (4-10)

9. Stony Brook 9-17 (4-10)

### A-East Women's Basketball

1. Hartford 18-7 (11-1)

2. Stony Brook 14-10 (10-2)

3. Vermont 16-9 (6-6)

4. Binghamton 10-15 (6-6)

5. Boston U. 14-12 (6-7)

6. Maine 12-12 (6-7)

7. UMBC 12-14 (5-8)

8. New Hampshire 8-16 (3-9)

9. Albany 7-19 (3-10)

### Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire 17-4-2 (36 pts)

2. Boston U. 12-4-8 (32 pts)

3. Boston Coll. 14-8-1 (29 pts)

4. Vermont 11-8-4 (26 pts)

5. Maine 12-10-1 (25 pts)

6. UMass 11-9-3 (25 pts)

7. Northeastern 8-11-5 (21 pts)

8. Providence 6-14-3 (15 pts)

9. UMass Lowell 6-14-3 (15 pts)

10. Merrimack 3-18-2 (8 pts)

### Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. New Hampshire 15-1-2 (32 pts)

2. Boston Coll. 14-6-0 (28 pts)

3. Connecticut 12-5-2 (28 pts)

4. Providence 10-6-3 (23 pts)

5. Boston U. 9-8-2 (20 pts)

6. Maine 5-13-2 (12 pts)

7. Northeastern 4-14-2 (10 pts)

8. Vermont 1-17-1 (3 pts)

# Binghamton Sinks Lady Cats, 77-67

**Strong free throw shooting from the Bearcats prevents the Catamounts from a successful second-half comeback**

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

In a Saturday matinee at Patrick Gymnasium, the University of Vermont Women's Basketball team was brought down by the sharp-shooting Binghamton University Bearcats, 77-67.

Despite placing four scorers in double figures, the Catamounts, led by sophomore center Andrea Cihal's team high 16 points, shot just 39% from the field and were unable to contain the Bearcats' stiffling balanced offensive attack.

Although Binghamton converted 44% of their field goals, it was their consistent free throw shooting (31-40) that extinguished any second half hopes of a Catamount comeback.

With the defeat the Cats slip to 16-9 (6-6 America East) on the season.

"Today comes down to we played a phenomenal team and we weren't able to play well defensively and fouled Binghamton too much," Vermont head coach Sharon Dawley said.

Taking advantage of the Cats' 1-8 shooting start, Binghamton secured a 12-4 lead after eight minutes of play.

The Bearcats' balanced attack netted six players at least four first half points.

UVM hung in thanks to the supreme post play and offensive rebounding of Cihal and sparkplug leadership of senior captain Brittney Cross.

Despite shooting just 29% for the half, the Cats headed into halftime trailing by just four, 30-26.

In the second half, sophomore Sy Janousek provided a lift off the bench for the Cats. Her three pointer nearly 5 minutes in cut the Bearcat lead to 40-37.

Following the steady hand of Cross (8 assists) and clutch outside shooting of sophomore Amy Rosenkrantz, UVM remained in striking distance for much of the final half.

However, a layup by freshman May Kotsopoulos with seven minutes remaining to make the score 52-50 would be the closest the Cats would get.



Sophomore Andrea Cihal defends against Binghamton in Saturday's game. Cihal's recorded a team high 16 points in the nine-point loss.

Despite shooting a sizzling 50% from the field in the second half, the Cats' comeback was devastated by Binghamton's clutch free throw shooting down the stretch (24-31).

Six Bearcats scored at least 7 points. "I think Binghamton is a tremendous

team because they have five players who are always working together on the same page," Dawley said. "We hurt ourselves by fouling too much.

"It's hard to make up the difference when you send a team to the [foul] line 40 times.

"We've had a lot of peaks and valleys this season and we will go back to work on Monday to get back to what we do well," promised Dawley.

The Cats' next chance to redeem themselves will come Feb. 20th when they host UMBC at 7pm at Patrick Gymnasium.



AUSTIN DANFORTH  
WASHOUGA JUNIOR

## The Streak Part II

My prediction, though open-ended, was not disproven. In fact, I'd even contend it was heard out and then played out.

Four weeks ago, after leading scorer Joe Trapani went down with a broken foot, I merely said I wouldn't put it past the men's basketball team to win another seven games in a row.

Instead, they did me one better: they have since won nine in a row and the end is not in sight.

In snagging their ninth straight win (the second streak this season of seven or more straight wins) these Cats also snagged the America East regular season championship, guaranteeing, should they make it as far, home court for the conference championship game.

Coach Lonergan's group is playing some great basketball — not blowing teams out every night, but winning soundly or pulling out games by being in the right place at the right time.

And if winning simply is not enough, they did the bulk of the work with their leading scorer from the first half of the season sitting on the sidelines.

Out goes Joe Trapani, in comes an entire team, focused, dedicated and ready to play.

Well, Trapani returned Wednesday at Maine, the only team in the last 17 games to beat Vermont and instead of losing a close one, the Cats won convincingly, if not handily.

Trapani's fellow freshman and high-flying phenom, Marqus Blakely, led the team in scoring, netting a career-high 24 points, just over a week since returning from an injury himself.

While they had won before Trapani broke his foot, they have since won as a deeper and more solid team.

They may have gone deep into the bench before Trapani's injury, but now they can do so with confidence.

Sophomore guard Mike Trimboli is leading his team and showing the experience he has gained since his freshman campaign of a year ago.

Co-captain Martin Klimes has also stepped up in a big way, contributing and performing well since Trapani and Blakely went down, and appears to have escaped his personal doldrums from earlier in the season.

Big man Chris Holm has been playing even bigger than his 6'11" frame all season. He is second in the nation in rebounding, with over 12 a game, helping the Cats also have one of the best rebound margins in the country.

If he isn't a top candidate for America East Player of the Year, I have no idea who else could be.

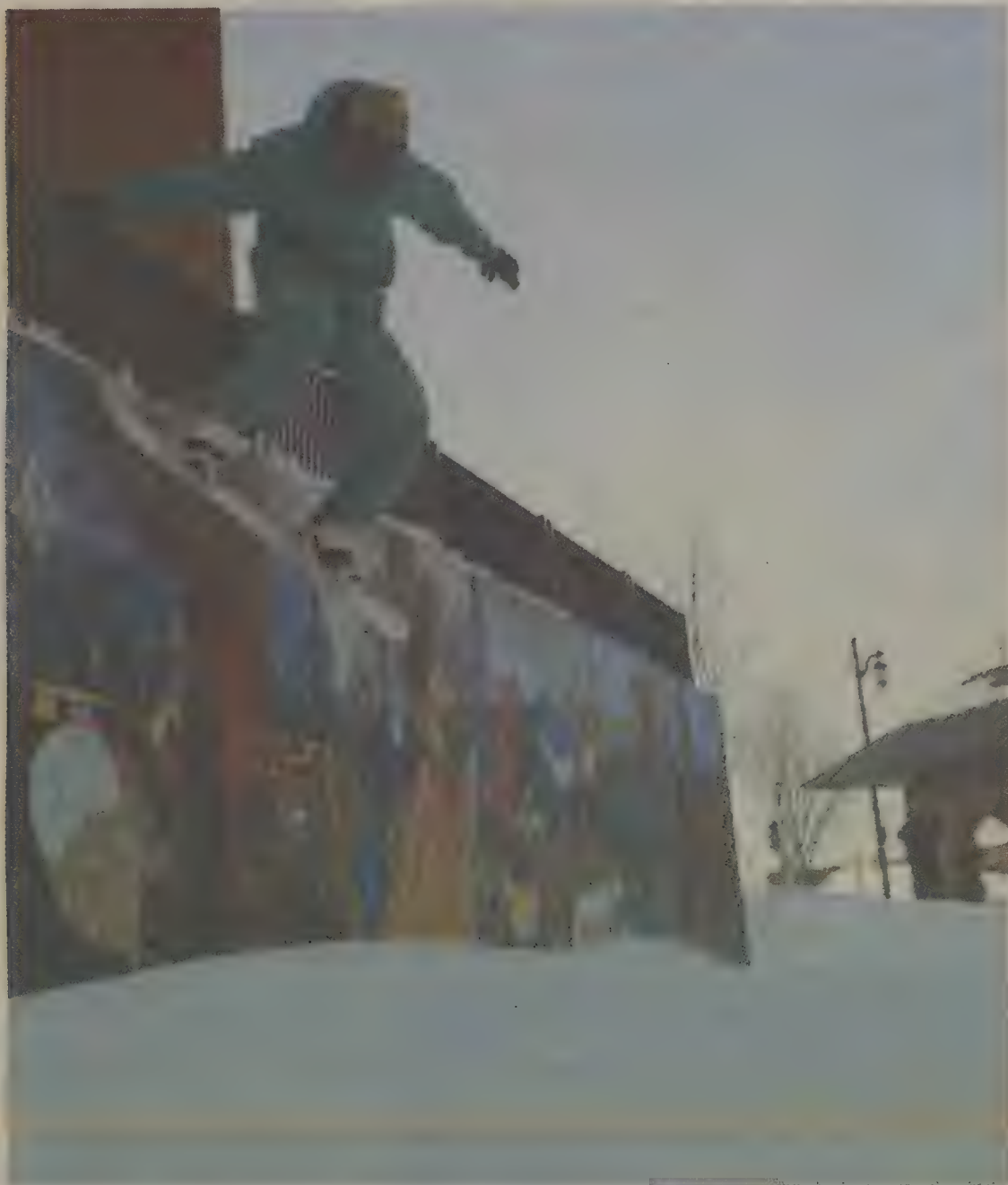
With the team's overall health on the rebound and overall play becoming steadier, things are definitely peaking at the right time for the Cats.

Since they have locked up the top seed in the conference tournament, two wins in Boston will bring the Cats back to Burlington for the conference final, and a chance at another NCAA tournament berth.

What a treat it would be to see them back in the Big Dance and making some moves for the rest of the country to see.



# Postmodern Art



Sophomore Mike Kelley gets creative outside Living and Learning while snowed in on campus during last week's snowstorm. Kelley is a member of the UVM Snowboard Team.

## Men's Basketball Extends Win Streak To Nine Games

**The win gives the Cats the number one seed in America East and Trimboli a career-high point performance**

By KAT WILLIAMS

*Cynic Correspondent*

In the first half, sophomore Mike Trimboli scored 13 points while freshman Marques Blakely and junior Kyle Cieplicki combined for a total of eight.

Binghamton was led in the first half by senior Steve Proctor, junior Richard Forbes and sophomore Jaan Montgomery, each of them banking in with four points a piece.

The score at half time was 25-21 with Vermont in the lead.

In the second half, senior Chris Holm stepped up and scored 14 of his 16 points, also grabbing seven rebounds to give the center a double-double on the afternoon.

Mike Trimboli led the team in points, scoring 14 in the second half giving him a career-high total of 27 points while Cieplicki ended up with nine of his own.

Binghamton was led by Lazar Trifunovic, tallying a total of 16 points while Steve Proctor, Mike Gordon and Richard

Forbes all added 10.

Mike Trimboli, last week's America East's Player of the Week, was named player of the game for Vermont.

Vermont had trouble with three-pointers, going 2-15 in the contest.

In free throws, however, the Cats had a strong showing, sinking 27 of 34.

UVM only committed one turnover in the second half and eight for the entire game.

The Cats ended their regular season of America East play in the top spot in the conference.

This is the third time Vermont has held first place going into the America East Regular Season Championship.

The Catamounts won the regular season title in 2001-02 and 2004-05.

However, Coach Mike Loneragan is still pushing the Cats toward victory in their next contest.

"We can't relax, but the pressure is off right now," Loneragan said.

The Cats will travel to Boston University on Thursday to take on the number three ranked Terriers.

They return home this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. to play Hartford as well as honor the seniors in their last regular season home game.

## #16 Cats Come Back to Split #19 Minutemen

**In front of the Gut's 54 and 55 straight sellout crowds, UVM trips up but recovers to earn weekend draw with UMass**

By JOSH APPELBAUM

*Staff Writer*

On Friday evening, while the University of Vermont continued to shovel its way out of the Blizzard of '07, the men's ice hockey team was snowed in by Hockey East adversary UMass-Amherst, 3-2.

Despite recovering from a two-goal, first period deficit and outshooting the Minutemen 28-24, the Cats' comeback was stymied by a plethora of defensive breakdowns.

A Chris Capraro goal with scarcely two minutes remaining in the third period extended UVM's losing streak to four games, tying its second longest such drought of the year.

Capitalizing on a porous Cats defense, the Minutemen quickly grabbed a 1-0 lead at 2:08 of the first period.

Splitting two defenders to lead a three on one break, UMass captain Mark Matheson found uncovered teammate Will Ortiz at the top of the crease to beat a helpless Cats

goaltender, Joe Fallon.

At 10:47, the Minutemen struck again as a streaking Ortiz feathered a perfect cross-ice pass to a trailing David Leaderer.

Fallon, committed to Ortiz's shot, was left stranded by his defense as UMass took a commanding 2-0 advantage into the first intermission.

However, displaying their trademark resiliency, the Cats clawed back at 5:16 of the second period. On the man advantage, freshman Victor Stalberg nested a Torrey Mitchell rebound and neatly wrapped around the net to beat UMass goaltender Jon Quick.

The score was momentous for Mitchell. With the assist, the junior co-captain recorded his 100 career point, becoming just the 40 Catamount in school history to reach triple digits in scoring.

UVM obtained the equalizer with just inside four minutes remaining in the period.

Grabbing a Corey Carlson rebound, freshman Brayden Irwin warded off two defenders and beat Quick with a swinging wrap-around while falling to the ice for his fifth tally of the year.

Carlson, who also assisted on Stalberg's goal, picked up the eighth multi-point game of his career as the match headed into the final stanza tied at

two.

The deadlock would remain until 17:55 of the third.

Converting yet again on a Cat defensive disintegration, Capraro found himself the beneficiary of a three on one directly in front of Fallon's crease to secure the game winner.

UVM would call a timeout and pull Fallon to get the man advantage but UMass held out. "Tonight wasn't about goal scoring; it was about keeping the puck out of the net," said Vermont head coach Kevin Sneddon. "I thought we made three really bad defensive mistakes and we can't have that from key players."

"It was great to come back but if you can't make smart plays with under five minutes to go you're not going to win many hockey games."

In Saturday's rematch the Cats rebounded to blank the Minutemen 3-0 thanks to Fallon's 17th career shutout.

"I'm just so proud of the team from top to bottom," Sneddon said. "I'm really proud of Joe (Fallon) as well for the way he rebounded from a couple of tough games. He was the difference tonight."

With the weekend split, the Cats move to 16-12-4 (11-8-4 Hockey East). UVM returns to action Feb. 23 and 24 when they travel to Boston University.



Freshman Victor Stalberg (18) celebrates after a power-play goal assisted by junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell (9). The assist gave Mitchell his 100 career point.

(Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)



## Robberies Leave Vermont on Edge

**Statewide string of armed robberies worries convenience store clerks, owners**

By VERA SIMON-NOBES

Cynic Correspondent

Vermont has endured one armed robbery almost every other day since Jan. 1. Though it is early in the year, the num-

ber of armed robberies in 2007 is expected to surpass the figures from 2005 and 2006 significantly given the current trend.

Armed hold-ups have occurred at convenience stores and small groceries throughout the state. Police attribute the high number of burglaries to the growing drug problem, as perpetrators are often in need of quick drug money.

Stores in Hinesburg, Rich-

mond, Colchester and Burlington have been robbed.

Most locally, the Springfield Market was hit on Feb. 7, and the Cumberland Farms on Riverside Avenue on Feb. 5. While most cases have been solved, one crafty perpetrator remains on the loose.

Police have tagged the man responsible for four of the 20 robberies as the "Backwards Bandit". He wears a backwards hooded sweatshirt with

eye holes cut out of the hood.

Striking first on Jan. 22 in Hinesburg, the "Backwards Bandit" proceeded to rob three other stores within eight days. He seems to have terminated his streak, which could be the result of heightened presence from police.

However, the burglaries have continued.

"Some of this is copycat behavior," Mike Schirling, a deputy chief of the Burlington

Police Department said in *The Burlington Free Press*. "As these robberies receive more and more publicity, it does plant the seed in some peoples minds."

Police suspect increased drug use is motivating the perpetrators. In the Jan. 29 Rutland Herald, Vermont State Police Major Tom L'Esperance stated that other small states

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## Mardi Gras at Last



Burlington's Mardi Gras parade drew thousands of excited spectators to the downtown area. The parade was supposed to take place on Feb. 17, but due to the blizzard and its aftermath, it was postponed until this past weekend. (Story, A2)

(Thatcher Friant/Vermont Cynic)

## Tipped Minimum Wages to Increase?

**Forum addresses livable wage issues in connection to tipped workers**

By CHRISTINA TODD

Staff Writer

The doors of Contois Auditorium at Burlington City Hall opened for those concerned with livable wage issues on Monday, Feb. 19.

Chaired by Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vt. Worker's Right's Board sat at the front of the auditorium facing nearly 200 concerned citizens and students to hear testimony regarding the state of the economy.

The hearing, titled "Race to the Bottom," was a forum for those who wished to address the senator, city council members, state representatives and religious community leaders.

"What tonight is about, all over America what people need to do is stand up and say sorry the economy is not working for us' and we need to

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## University Loses Two Profs to Ivies

By NOAH STAUM

Assistant News Editor

UVM is not an Ivy League school, but with two philosophy professors leaving for jobs at two different Ivy Leaguers there are professors of the equivalent stature.

Professor David Christensen, who has been here nearly twenty years, is leaving for Brown University, and Professor Derk Pereboom, who is also the department chair and has been here for 22 years, will

leave for Cornell University.

Christensen and Pereboom were both contacted by Brown and Cornell University, respectively, expressing their interest in each of the professors for a teaching job.

Although they will be paid more at the universities they move to, both professors expressed that money is not factor in deciding to leave.

"For both of us, the University of Vermont made us a very attractive counter offer such that in both cases the

difference in family income would have been insignificant," Pereboom said. "There's no financial reason to move in my case."

Both Professors will shift from teaching only undergraduate students to teaching mostly graduate students.

"One of the things that I've never done at UVM is I've never taught my own research, probably because it tends to be more on the technical side

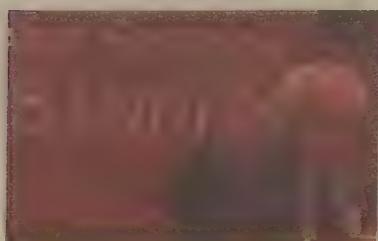
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The home of the Philosophy department will soon see the departure of two long-time faculty members.

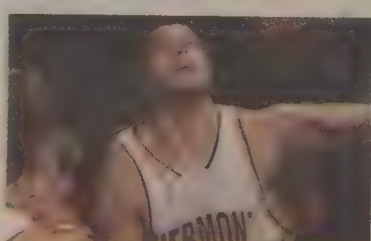
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Sen. Bernie Sanders leads a town meeting-style discussion of media consolidation

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Men's Basketball finishes regular season on 11 game winning streak, conference playoffs this weekend

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**B-SIDE**

The other side of the news: UVM's two sides of the Iraq debate, Not News, and Ninjas

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# UVM – a Big Piece of the Peace Corps

UVM alumni are one of the biggest contributors to the Corps

By ALISON STOUT

Cynic Correspondent

With 693 alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers since the program's establishment, and 16 serving currently, the University of Vermont is one of the greatest contributors to the program.

The Peace Corps, established in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, is a government funded volunteer organization. Its primary goal, according to the Peace Corps Web site, is to "promote world peace and friendship."

Volunteers are currently sent to 77 different countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, South America, Central America, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands.

Volunteers are only sent to countries that have specifically asked for aid.

The volunteers are placed in a variety of fields, from education to agriculture, healthcare to business development. Volunteers are usually placed in a sector in which they have had some experience.

Ninety-six percent of volunteers have at least an undergraduate degree. The average age is 28 years old, with the oldest volunteer being 79 years old. The minimum age is 18. There are currently approximately 7,800 volunteers



and trainees.

Applying to the Peace Corps is a lengthy and competitive process according to the Peace Corps Web site. Averaging nine months.

The first step is the application. After the application is reviewed, there is an interview. If the interview goes well and there is an opening, the applicant will be nominated to join a specific as-

signment area.

At this stage the applicant can be told the geographic region in which they will be stationed, but not the specific country.

The third step is qualification. All information and the applicant are reviewed and evaluated. If everything works out in this stage, the applicant moves into the final step: invitation.

Once invited to join the Peace Corps, the applicant has 10 days to respond. Then, four weeks before their departure date, they will be told exactly where and when they will be going.

After leaving for the program, the applicant will spend approximately three months in intensive language and skill training in their new country.

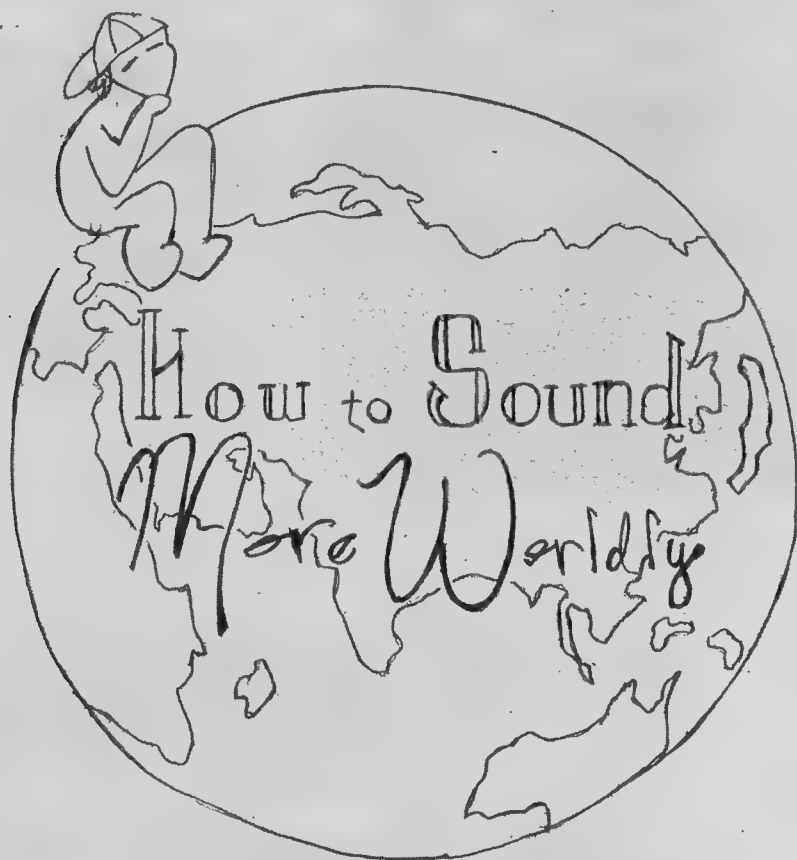
Once finished with the training they will spend two years volunteering in the assigned country, with 48 vacation days at their disposal, and all travel, living and medical expenses covered.

Volunteers can live with a family or live in their own space. They will become a part of the community, according to UVM's Peace Corps representative Amanda Richardson. The Peace Corps makes sure all volunteers are safe, happy, and healthy.

Once in the Peace Corps, there is no way to tell what the experience will be like. "No two experiences are alike," Richardson said. "Where some people live in thatched huts and have to dig their own toilets, others live in well-equipped houses with internet."

UVM will be hosting a returned volunteer panel on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Billings March Lounge.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • Christian Right Works to Find '08 Candidate

The Council for National Policy, a secretive Christian Conservative club that has the members to sway the Christian Conservative vote -- is dissatisfied with the '08 Christian Conservative hopefuls; they include Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and South Carolina's Gov. Mark Sanford.

### • Sorority Evictions Evoke Questions of Bias

At DePauw University's Delta Zelta sorority, national Delta Zelta officials evicted 23 sisters on the basis of "insufficient commitment." Evictions included overweight, Vietnamese, Black and Korean sisters, raising questions of bias and aesthetic qualifications. Six more sisters quit in protest.

### • Britain to Remove Troops From Iraq

Feb. 21 – Prime Minister Tony Blair announced that Britain will remove 1,600 of its troops from southern Iraq. Blair said that this does not mean the situation there is ideal, but that it can be left up to Iraqis to control.

### • Cheney Concerned About China's Military

Feb. 23 – Vice President Dick Cheney's speech in Sydney, Australia, expressed concerns about military buildup in China and whether North Korea will follow a recent nuclear weapons deal they made.

### • Venezuela Ranks In Top World Military Spenders List

With more than \$4.3 billion in arms spending over the past two years, Venezuela is now Latin America's top arms purchaser — outranking both Pakistan (\$3 billion) and Iran (\$1.7 billion).

### • Spanish Language Broadcaster Fined \$24 Million

Univision agreed to a record \$24 million fine from the FCC for trying to pass the soap opera entitled "Complices al Rescate" (Friends to the Rescue) off as children's educational programming.

### • XM and Sirius Satellite Radio to Merge

Opting for cooperation, XM and Sirius will merge to attempt to revolutionize radio together. The FCC and the Justice Department must still approve the merger.

### • Canadian Court Places Limits on Terrorist Detention Cases

Feb. 23 – Canada's highest court revoked a law that allows the Canadian government to detain foreign terrorist suspects for as long as they please using secretive evidence.

# Mardi Gras Strikes Burlington Hard, a Week Late

**The New Orleans party scene makes its way through Church Street, a week behind schedule**

By WILL SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

Burlington celebrates the festival of Mardi Gras a week late, after the Valentine's Day storm caused the festival and partying to be postponed.

The parade showcased 26 floats from various groups in the Burlington area.

This year the Mardi Gras parade was sponsored by the Magic Hat Brewery and the Women's Rape Crisis Center (WRCC). All of the proceeds from the floats go to the WRCC.

"It's the Women's Rape Crisis Center's largest fundraiser," said Kristine Bickford, the development director of the WRCC.

According to the parade's Web site, in the past the Mardi Gras parade has attracted 20,000 spectators.

The parade route started at the corner of Main and Winoski and turned down onto Church Street then onto Cher-

ry Street and ending at the Corner of Cherry Street and Pine Street.

Many in Burlington attended the parade, with various student groups such as freshmen through junior class councils providing crowd control.

Fraternities, such as Alpha Gamma Rho and Pi Kappa Alpha and sororities such as Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta also assisted in the crowd control along the parade route. The majority of University of Vermont's Greek organizations did show up and provided crowd containment.

"It was a little cold, but the crowd seemed to enjoy it," Rachel Jacobson, a member of the 2010 council, said.

The crowd cheered through the entire parade, but some children reacted with hesitancy towards some of the floats.

"What is that float? Why are people flying around?" asked one young boy on Main Street, to his mother, as the Victor's Angels float passed by.

"The parade was a little intense," freshman Kate Coderre said.

The parade was initially going to take place on Feb. 17, but was postponed by the city of Burlington after the Valentine's Day snow.

"While our first priority is to keep the community safe,



(Thatcher Friant/Vermont Cynic)

Even top superheroes took a day off from saving the world to join in on the festivities.

we're also working hard to bring the Mardi Gras event, a great Burlington tradition, to the city next weekend," said Mayor Kiss in a press conference on Feb. 16.

This year's parade featured floats from Burlington organizations such as; Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, Twincraft Soap, Recycle North, Magic Hat Brewery, Unicel and American Flatbread.

"I liked the parade, and

thought it was hilarious. My favorite float was the Victor's Angels float," freshman Emily Duus said.

Before the parade began, musical groups were playing on Church Street to the accumulating crowds.

Outside Nectar's Lounge, crowds gathered as employees threw out Nectar's frisbees and plastic coins to the awaiting crowds below in the designated section for children.

Before the parade began, the Burlington Police came and broke up the crowd and told the Nectar's employees to stop tossing free merchandise out of the windows.

Mardi Gras occurs next year on Feb. 5, 2008. It traditionally takes place the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Christian calendar.

## What the FCC Is Going on?

**Sanders sponsors town meeting questioning the consolidation of popular media**

By LAURA PEDRO  
Senior Staff Writer

Turn on the television and a person is bombarded with hundreds of different stations—NBC, SciFi, Bravo, A&E,

CNBC, USA, The History Channel and Telemundo, just to name a few. A little known fact is that all these stations and networks, in addition to over 30 other U.S. stations, are all owned by the same company, General Electric.

"Airwaves belong to the people," Bernie Sanders, I-VT, said Tuesday night, when he returned to the state of Vermont to lead a panel discussion on media consolidation at St. Michael's McCarthy Arts

Center.

"TV stations you watch should be accountable to the people," Sen. Sanders said. "Today, if you don't like a station, there's nothing you can do about it."

Panelist Jonathan Adelstein, a commissioner for the Federal Communications Commission said, "Unfortunately, I believe in recent years the FCC has failed your [citizens'] interests."

When asked if these large media companies could be dismantled, Adelstein likened them to toothpaste—"once it's out of the bottle you can't get it back in it."

'Big media' does not necessarily mean bad media, but it does tend to decrease diversity and puts a lot of power into very few hands, panel member, St. Michael's associate professor and former correspondent for the Associated Press in Washington, D.C. Traci Griffith said.

Large companies such as Time Warner, owns the WB, Cartoon Network, CNN, HBO, Cinemax, TBS, TNT, Mapquest, Netscape, AOL, AIM, New Line Cinema, 150 magazines including TIME, and the



(Laura Pedro/Vermont Cynic)

Sanders brings his voice to the issue of media control.

Atlanta Braves, "just for good measure," Griffith said to over 200 residents and students in attendance.

"Cable has a lot of stations. Problem is they're all owned by the same five companies," Griffith said. "In terms of accessing media, people need to be diligent to know what company owns what station."

Mergers have created media companies that control everything from original production to distribution. Major media conglomerates produce movies and own the movie houses, putting people at a major disadvantage, Griffith said.

Seven Days founder Paula Routly said that media giants like Gannet have long been trying to run smaller independent newspapers out of the business. Larger newspapers are able to offer cheaper advertising prices and print county-specific sections, therefore monopolizing the industry, Routly said.

"Media literacy is the solution," Champlain College professor Rob Williams said.

People need to learn how to use independent media technology like blogs, podcasting, and RSS feeds, he said.

UVM English Professor Paul Martin, who has his own blog and uses blogging technology in all of his classes, said "their advantage is they allow you to escape the saturation of media ... you control the information you're getting."

"I think a bigger problem than media consolidation is that people simply aren't reading the news," Martin said.

He described an incident in an online course he taught over winter break where three or four students didn't know about the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami—which killed hundreds of thousands—at all. "They said they don't watch the news."

"We can't fight media consolidation unless students use the media available," Martin said. "Ninety-nine percent of my students don't know what an RSS feed is, even though Facebook is now using an RSS feed."

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such Maine and New Hampshire have had similar experiences as drugs moved into their states. L'Esperance attributes the crimes specifically to the abuse of oxycodone and cocaine.

Mansur Aliyev of the Springflower Market on St. Paul Street in Burlington also attributes the rising robbery rate to drug use. "There are too many drugs," he said, "the young people are using too many drugs."

Springflower Market was robbed earlier this month and Aliyev worries that it could happen again.

Increased police patrols can bring some comfort to convenience store clerks, though stores must take many precautions. Police encourage stores to have bright exterior lighting, functioning surveillance systems and to report any suspicious activity to the police. In the case of a hold-up, clerks should comply with the robber.

While the Vermont State Police and local police departments are working hard, they say the public will play a critical role in helping to solve the cases. Tips and reports from citizens are extremely important, and anyone with any information is urged to contact the police or Champlain Valley CrimeStoppers at 802-864-6666.

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and it's the kind of thing that doesn't lend itself as well to undergraduate teaching," Christensen said.

Despite the loss of two prominent philosophy professors to Ivy League schools, the philosophy department at UVM still ranks well nationwide.

Brain Leiter—who holds the Hines H. Baker and Thelma Kelley Baker chair in law, serves as professor of philosophy and is the founder and director of the law & philosophy program at University of Texas at Austin—wrote in a blog that, “Even with these losses, it still remains among the very top departments (in terms of faculty quality) offering only an undergraduate degree.”

Among schools that do not offer a Ph.D. or M.A. in philosophy, Leiter has rated UVM alongside Amherst College, California Institute of Technology, Dartmouth College, Reed College and Wellesley College as having the best faculties in the nation.

Both Christensen and Pereboom agree that the faculty in the department is very close.

"I was chair when a lot of our junior faculty were hired, so our department is a very cohesive group. We work together very well, we read each other's papers, we cultivate each other philosophically and I'm very much a part of that way of doing things," Peredboom said.

"There are very few departments anywhere of any size where the people get together at lunch everyday and eat together," Christensen said.

Christensen and Pereboom said independently that it will be sad to leave behind their friends, colleagues and the UVM community as a whole.

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create an economy that does," Sen. Sanders said.

"The idea is that many community leaders do not get the opportunity to hear directly from their community," Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, director of the Vermont Livable Wage Campaign from the Peace and Justice Center in Burlington, said.

"Meetings like these give those concerned with economic issues a chance to be heard," Mulvaney-Stanak said.

An increase in tipped minimum wage was one of the focal points of the meeting.

Tipped minimum wage in Vt. is currently \$3.63 and has

not risen in three years, Mulvaney-Stanak said.

There are currently two legislations in the Statehouse to increase this wage a dollar by this coming January, according to a press release by the PJC.

Vermont's largest industries include service and tourism, according to the press release.

Megan Harlow, a UVM student, testified at the meeting for an increase in the tipped minimum wage.

"They're making so much money, I don't see why they can't step it up and pay a livable wage," Harlow said.

Chris Snullen, the owner of the Ice House, a restaurant on the waterfront in Burlington, said that the minimum wage

should not go up -- even a dollar.

"Tipped employees are generally students, not heads of families. They're earning well over the minimum wage on a daily basis," she said.

Jared Titus, manager at Outback Steakhouse in South Burlington, said that he hadn't heard about the push for an increase.

"If there was an increase, prices would maybe go up, but nothing drastic," he said.

Any employee making \$30 a month in tips is considered a tipped worker, according to the PJC press release.

Jason Lorber, the state representative for about half of the UVM population, said that it was helpful to hear a different story.

"You don't often hear the whole story unless you talk to those in the community," he said.

**"It's important for UVM students to know that when they contact elected officials, it's noticed in a very big way," Lorber said. "It can really make a difference."**

"By talking to community leaders, those directly affected by our economy can put pressure on them to push for change," Mulvaney-Stanak said.

"Although these leaders may not be able to directly put it into law, they can definitely put pressure on the local and federal government, as well as local businesses, to implement a livable wage for all workers," she said.

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# The Usual Suspects

Five Criminals - One Line Up - No Coincidence



## Nothing to Laugh About

Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

It's no secret - we're an inherently intolerant society and the community at the University of Vermont is really no different.

Many operate under the assumption that racism and intolerance is a trait associated with ignorance, and that if we as a society were more educated about racial diversity, we would eliminate derogatory stereotypes and bigoted practices.

Despite brighter crops of incoming freshmen and comprehensive diversity requirements, intolerance remains rampant on campus.

I'm not accusing the students at this institution of the proactive racism that was pervasive in places like Mississippi prior to the Civil Rights era of the 1960s. I'm speaking specifically to the hateful discourse that has infiltrated our everyday vernacular.

For instance, you've all heard someone (probably recently) refer to someone they were upset with as a "faggot."

Let's clear a few things up once and for all, your buddy who wants his sweatshirt back after you thought they gave it to you is a jerk, not an "Indian giver."

If you're Sunday morning ride to the mountain got drunk Saturday night, slept in, and forgot to pick you up, they are not "gay," they are just a flake.

Why do all young adults feel the need to constantly quote blatantly racist and hurtful passages from Chappelle's Show, South Park and comedy movies?

The artists and performers who create this satire do it with the intention of presenting such discourse as absurd and archaic rhetoric. The legions of fans that incessantly regurgitate these words of hate are not demonstrating their sensitivity, but simply re-entrenching hate speech into our everyday language.

Ultimately people have lost sight of the golden rule of language: If you wouldn't say it to the subject's face, don't say it at all.

Your drunken friend may find your Cartman anti-Jewish impression hilarious at a kegger while surrounded by all your anglicized friends, but if it would get you thrown out of the Synagogue, keep it to yourself.

When we allow, tolerate and privilege this discourse at our keg parties in college,

what stops it from spilling over to our professional lives and our future water cooler conversations?

It's time that we start asking these questions because I'm not sure what was more unsettling; the racism that Sasha Baron Cohen exposed in Americans during "Borat," or the raucous laughter he was drawing from audiences (full of college students) with every bigoted remark that he made or coaxed out of his interviewees.

We as Americans are under the impression that we can laugh at racism, but the reality is we have not earned that right. Those who laugh at satirical racism do it under the premise that it is not a part of their world, they are not racist and that its performative irony transforms the racism into a critique of an old problem that few adhere to in the status quo. In reality, it is not something that we have overcome as a society; racism and intolerance fester in every facet of our world.

If all we do is laugh at a problem, it will never be solved. It is time for everyone to start taking socialized intolerance seriously, rather than turning it into a perpetual punch line.

## White Washed

Joanna Benjamin - Sports Editor

2006 gives new meaning to the phrase "White out."

Last year, Shaun White won every contest he entered. From the Torino Olympics to the X Games, White was an unstoppable force not to be messed with. However, White started out 2007 on a much different note. He missed the gold medal in Slopestyle at the eleventh Winter X Games as well as the gold in Superpipe.

Did the "Flying Tomato" step out of the spotlight gracefully and celebrate all the new talent that was showcased?

No he did not.

White's self-absorbed manner was shown in his extra run after the most recent X Games Slopestyle. He knew he got the bronze, yet he felt he was entitled to another run.

Why should he be able to exhibit his prowess more than any other athlete?

This run simply proved that he needed the last word and would do anything to get it.

That is on par with Lindsay Jacobellis's infamous showboating fall of the 2006 Win-

ter Olympics. Jacobellis got a fair amount of negative press, so why didn't White?

When Kelly Clark, gold medalist in the 2002 Winter Olympics, came back to compete after her whirlwind year, she tanked and she knew it. She chalked it up to not practicing enough, spending too much time on endorsement deals and not enough time on the slopes.

Why can't White do the same?

There is no denying the fact that Shaun White is an extremely talented snowboarder. The guy went pro at age 13 for God's sake, and was the first four-peat male athlete to win in one discipline at the X Games in Slopestyle.

While White has been celebrated as a progressive rider that pushes the limits of the sport, his runs are all very similar and have not been driving the sport forward.

He stays with his flat 900s and 1080s, and although he did attempt a 1260 at the end of his Slopestyle, he never went inverted.

Going into this year's X Games, there was a mass of media surrounding the crop

of young snowboarders that were to compete.

In the qualifying round of Superpipe, riders like Louie Vito, Danny Davis and Scotty Lago threw down huge airs and massive, corked spins, while maintaining amplitude that is rarely seen.

Their runs were very progressive, ever more so than White's, but not many people know about them because they went huge and fell, thus not making the finals.

2007 gold medalist in the Pipe Steve Fisher expressed my sentiment perfectly. "There are so many people here who are so good and so talented. And nobody cares. These are the best riders in the world," he said.

So then why was White the talk of the press tent? He didn't even win.

Step back and grow up, Shaun White. It's time to remember your love of the sport rather than your love of yourself and share the fame you've brought to snowboarding.

## Letters to the Editor

### Schmucked News

You know what really grinds my gears are these schmuck political types who go on news shows like CNN or Fox News and blab about how 'their' opinion is the opinion most Americans hold.

How sodding, arrogant and full of yourself do you have to be to believe your narrow little beliefs are the universal beliefs of all Americans?

There are some 300 million Americans, so stop pretending you can speak for all of them, or a fraction of them, or even any of

them. I don't care what the polls say (those polls you hear about can easily be faked) or whether you're Liberal or Conservative (as if those are the only two types of people there are, or there is any practical difference between the two) you don't speak for anyone but yourself. SO GET OVER YOURSELVES!

**BENJAMIN JOHNSON SILVERMAN, CLASS OF 2010**

### In Defense of Greeks

After reading the article "Bringing Safe Sex Back" in the Feb. 20 edition of *The Vermont Cynic*, I was appalled, hurt and felt extremely used.

In order to raise money for the first Relay for Life at UVM, which is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, the Greek community brainstormed some ideas and decided on hosting a rendition of the popular early 90s MTV show, "Singled Out," for which the proceeds would go to Relay for Life at UVM.

The sarcasm and attitude towards Greek Life was both uncalled for and unnecessary. The point of this event was not to humiliate Greek Life and plan a "spectacle," but was to raise awareness during Sexual Responsibilities Awareness Week while providing an entertaining event that raised money for the American Cancer Society.

Prior to the event, I received several e-mails from interested students. The participants of "Singled Out" were volunteers from a variety of communities which included Greek Life, Free to Be, Relay for Life and the UVM student body.

The event was sponsored by

the Interfraternity/Panhellenic Councils and Free to Be, therefore I do not understand the relevance of stating multiple times that most of the people working the event and attending the event were members of the councils and Greek Life.

Lastly, I feel as though this article took advantage of a Greek event and attacked Greek Life as a whole. I didn't realize that raising money for the American Cancer Society was going to lead to an article that accused Greek Life of being a cultist organization and would make our efforts to raise money seem simply amateur.

Before pointing fingers and describing "Singled Out" as both a spectacle and "imbued with a cultist atmosphere," have the decency to research both the event and Greek Life in more depth. How can one have the audacity to turn a philanthropic event in which over \$550.00 was raised for cancer research, into an attack on Greek Life?

**ELYSE GAMBARDILLA, PHILANTHROPY CHAIR PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

### Don't Ruin My Bus Buzz

The "drunk bus" could be headed for rehab if students don't sober up a little.

Despite recent additions such as a second off-campus bus on Friday and Saturday nights so that service runs every 15 minutes and security guards on board to keep the peace, the bus remains as crowded and drunk as ever - hence its nickname.

"The rowdy behavior has become increasingly bad," said Katherine Decarreau, director of Transportation and Parking Services. "We don't want to shut down the bus and hurt 1,000 people because three are jerks, but we're trying to find a balance where the drivers and students are safe."

Losing the "drunk bus" is tough to imagine for some students, particularly those living on campus, many of whom depend on the bus as a means of getting to and from downtown on cold weekend nights.

It cannot really be argued, however, that when students are openly drinking on the bus, pushing one another out of the way to get on board or using their bodies as means to try and stop it, safety for the passengers and sanity for the driver becomes an issue.

So what is the solution?

To me, it's clear. Students sim-

ply have to adhere to a reasonable standard of behavior on the bus. And by that, I don't necessarily mean be sober.

Get as drunk as you please, but keep it together.

The "drunk bus" is a valuable amenity to the UVM community.

Without it, some students would likely be inclined to start driving to their destinations, even when they may be too impaired to do so safely. This becomes a danger for everyone.

Additionally, the bus provides rides for students who might otherwise be walking alone late at night.

While Burlington is relatively safe, it's a town full of severely inebriated individuals on a Friday or Saturday night and walking home alone can be a danger, particularly for women.

The real problem is the mentality some people have when they use their intoxication as an excuse to act ridiculously.

We can, however, each exercise a certain degree of self-control in order to preserve a service many of us benefit from.

That, or we could all just start walking.

**JONATHAN MATTHIESSEN KYLE, CLASS OF 2009**

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### Bringing Up the Rear

In a study of the richest nations of the world, UNICEF deemed the United States the second worst place to be a child, second only to the United Kingdom.



The study ranked wealthy nations in six broad categories such as family and peer relationships, and children's own sense of well being. The U.S. was in the bottom third of five of the six categories, including a last place ranking in "health and safety" because of a high percentage of accidental deaths and child mortality.

Universities such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton were only enough to propel the U.S. to twelfth out of the 22 nations. The socioeconomic inequity of education in the U.S. is that disgraceful.

In brief, the report made the strong suggestion that after a certain point, there is no correlation between GDP or wealth of a nation and the wellbeing of that nation's children.

I would not be surprised if you didn't know about this. The UNICEF report was released Feb. 12. So it seems likely that U.S. newspapers would have articles on it for the next day, especially considering the surprising results.

However, when released on Feb. 13, the top stories on the front page of *The New York Times* were about the following: the U.S.' involvement in Iraq one year after the Sunni insurgency, North Korea disabling its nuclear facilities, the S.E.C. investigating fraud lawsuits, the lack of accessibility of health insurance and U.S. skepticism about Iran's involvement in the situation in Iraq.

Not only was the report not mentioned in the first page, a search of *The Times'* database shows that it wasn't mentioned in the paper at all. In fact, an online search reveals that only *The Los Angeles Times* published an article of any significance on the study, and even that article was not printed until two days later.

Across the Atlantic, the study dominated headlines in the U.K., with no less than eight newspapers making it front-page news. It stirred controversy for several days afterward and even prompted a reaction from Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Meanwhile, it seems President Bush and his administration are not even aware of UNICEF, or if they are, they're grateful that nobody in the media cares enough to make it news and therefore instigate some sort of action.

The U.S. once dominated the international landscape. We were one of the wealthiest, smartest, safest, happiest nations on the planet.

While it is reasonable to expect that the happy-go-lucky 1950s wouldn't last forever and the economic boom of the Clinton administration would eventually decline, there is no reason that our nation's children should be in the state they are now, even given the international turmoil we find ourselves in.

The current millennial generation of youngsters is shaping up to be the unhappiest and loneliest children in the history of the U.S. and no one cares.

**JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN**

### American Occupation of Terror

"One death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic."



- Joseph Stalin

American acts of war have directly resulted in thousands of civilian casualties and human rights violations, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The hatred and anger of the peoples of the Middle East is understandable; we have destroyed more lives and livelihoods than can reasonably be measured, and forced upon many nations a regime which feels it can use its stated ends to justify a brutal means.

Yet it is accepted as self-evident that we are fighting irrational and unjustified terrorism; that those planting the roadside bombs and ambushing our soldiers in foreign lands are not enemy soldiers, but something fundamentally different.

Does the fact that we have better technology, training and numbers serve as a justification for our actions?

No, it does not.

This is not a new or radical view. Our own war for independence was itself fought using unconventional means to the complaints of a larger, better-trained army. Yet we now understand the violent acts of our forefathers against the British to be wholly justified.

We find ourselves in a similar position in Iraq. While we cry foul of the tactics at our enemies, they have no other means by which they can resist our forces, and may ultimately be deemed justified in using the only tactics that they have at their disposal to do so.

While terrorist acts that target civilians may not be warranted, neither may we regard the vast collateral damage produced by our military as acceptable. Callous disregard of the lives of innocents of foreign nations, I would argue, is just as evil as their being intentionally targeted. It fails to recognize their worth as human beings, and implies that they deserve none of our consideration when going to war.

It is vital that we understand this. All war is horrible and tragic, and although we are losing many of our own fine men and women in battle, so too are the people of the nations that our armies invade. One man's terrorist is another's freedom-fighter.

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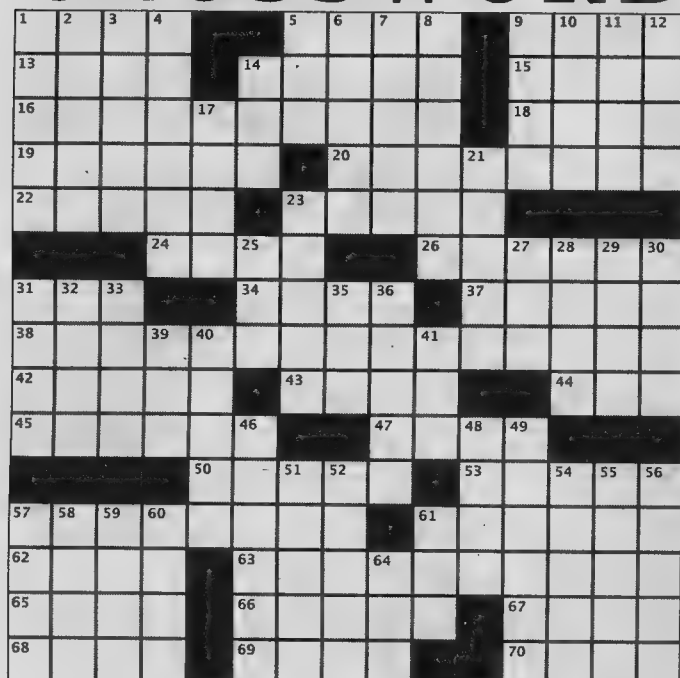
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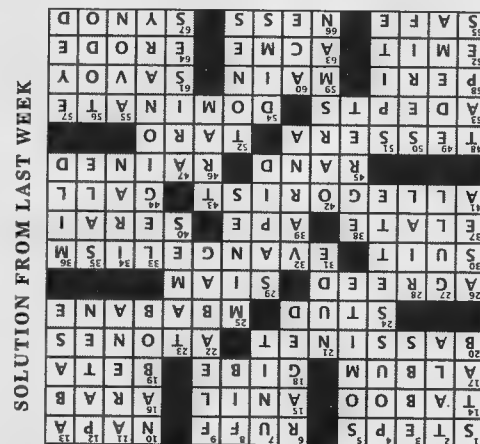
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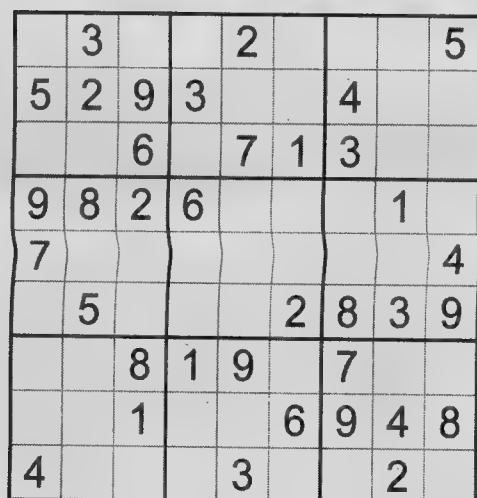
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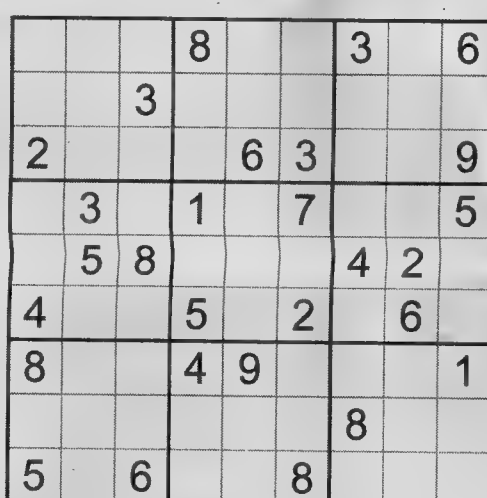
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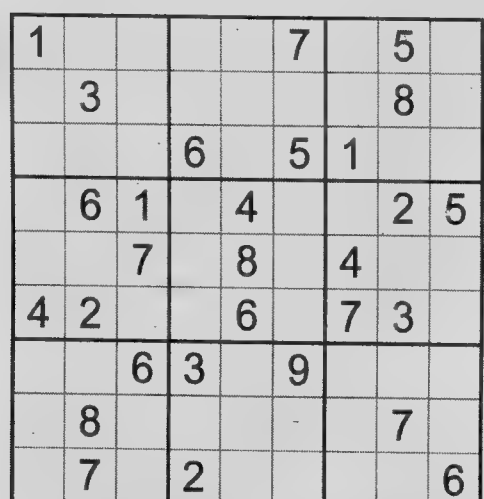
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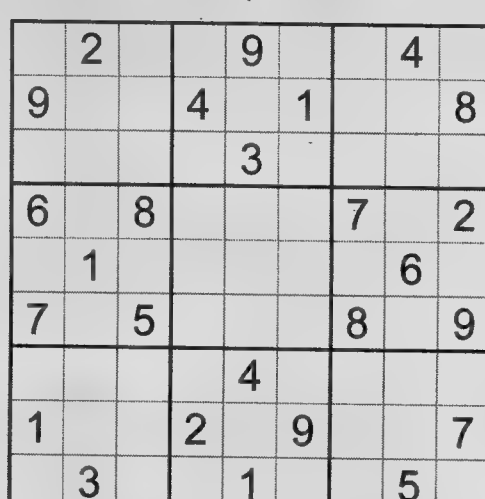
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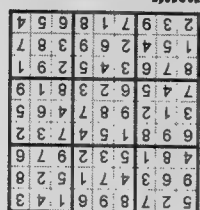
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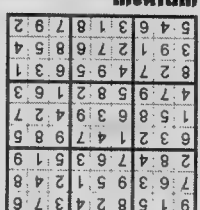
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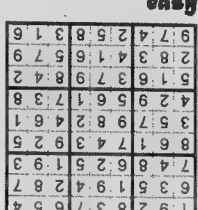
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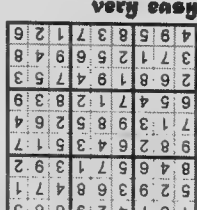
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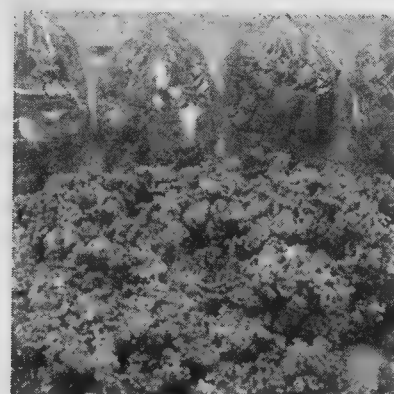
# College Gourmet

## Caramel Corn

28 caramels  
 2 tbsp. water  
 2 qt. popped corn  
 1/2 c. peanuts

Melt car-  
 mels with  
 water in  
 sauce-  
 pan over  
 low heat.  
 Stir until  
 smooth.

Pour oven combined popcorn  
 and peanuts. Toss until well  
 coated. Spread onto cookie  
 sheet. Let stand, break apart.  
 2 quarts. For crispier caramel  
 corn, bake 250 degrees for 25  
 minutes.



# The Odd Couple



# Scouting the Red Sox Scout

**After six years in Boston's Baseball Operations Department, Galen Carr evaluates players on other major league rosters for the Red Sox**

By JOSH APPELBAUM  
Staff Writer

Growing up a regular baseball addict in New England, Galen Carr had little choice but to live, breathe, and dream everything Boston Red Sox from birth.

Like most Little Leaguers from Pittsfield, MA to Burlington, Vt., Carr fantasized about one day calling Fenway Park home as a member of the old town team.

However, what separates the Northampton, MA native from his childhood peers is the way in which he directly affects the performance of the Red Sox.

Carr, a former varsity pitcher and graduate of Colby College, may not take the ball every fifth day alongside Curt Schilling and Jonathan Papelbon, but instead he advises Theo Epstein and company as an advanced Major League scout.

Still, politely modest and highly articulate, Carr—who recently hosted an open discussion at Patrick Gymnasium on Feb. 18—is not one to overlook how truly blessed his nine-to-five is.

"I am pretty fortunate. Obviously being from New England, to work for the Red Sox is the dream of a lot of kids and for me it certainly applies. I've been really lucky."

## Climbing the Ladder

As an American Studies major, Carr began his quest into professional baseball in the summer of 1997.

Interning for the Montreal Expos' AAA affiliate, the Vermont Expos, the former Northfield Mount Hermon graduate and Walpole, NH resident worked on everything from ticket office duty and press release coverage to hosting on-field promotions.

"Long hours, didn't get paid anything, but it was fun. It was a great experience."

Crediting both patience and persistence, Carr networked within the Montreal organization.

After making connections and following leads, and with the help of some old fashioned luck, Carr secured an internship in baseball operations for the Boston Red Sox just two years removed from graduation.

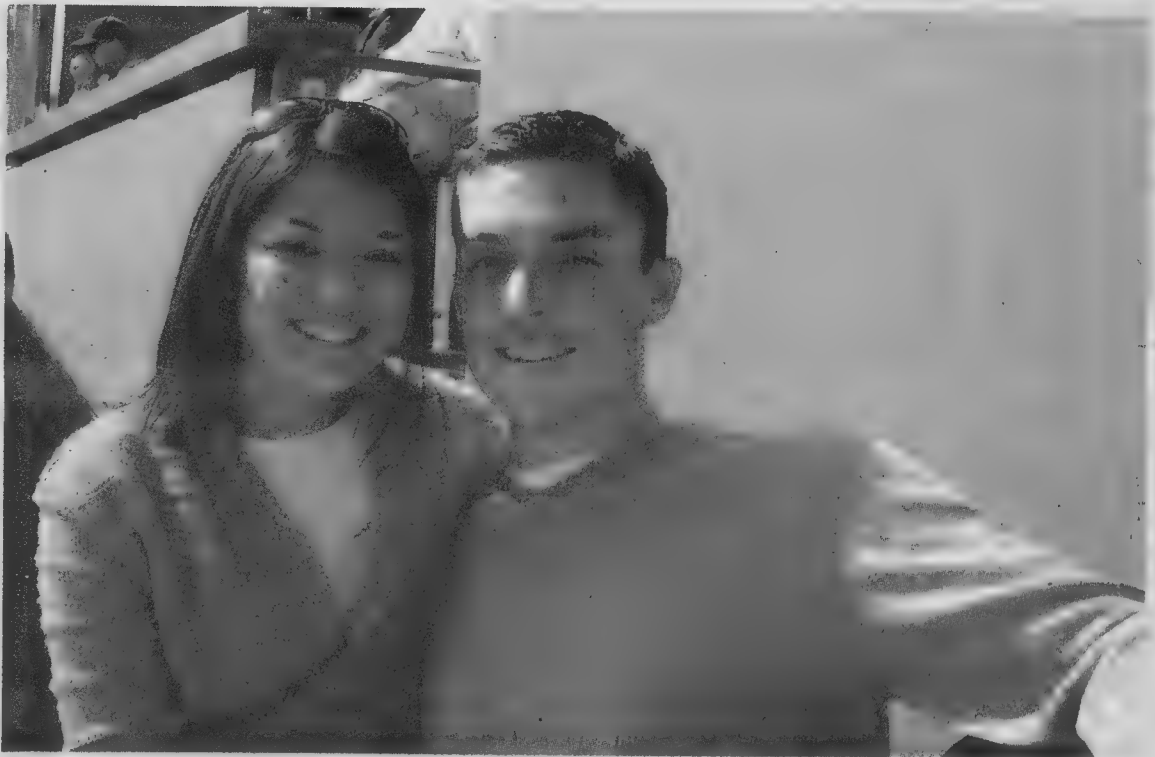
He went on to spend six years overseeing the advanced scouting program.

"If we are playing the Orioles next week, this week I would be watching the Orioles trying to pick up on strengths, weaknesses and tendencies for every player on the 25-man roster."

"Subsequently we would compose full page reports on each player along with charts and video and submit that to coaching staff on a series by



(Galen Carr/Boston Red Sox) Galen Carr (far right), Theo Epstein (center) and colleagues celebrate at their playoff-clinching party in the Red Sox Clubhouse in 2003. The Red Sox won the Wild Card and defeated The Oakland Athletics 3-2 in the ALDS. The "Cowboy-Up" journey ended with a 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees in the AL Championship Series.



(Galen Carr/Boston Red Sox) Galen Carr (right) and his wife Jenni and sit on the Green Monster at Fenway Park during a game in 2005. Carr is a Major League scout for the Boston Red Sox and is a recent addition to the Burlington community.

series basis."

If catcher Jason Varitek receives a pitch-out signal from manager Terry Francona and rings up speedster Brian Roberts attempting to steal second, that's Carr.

Today, Carr splits his time during the season traveling to big league parks and working at home in Burlington scouting from videos.

Carr enjoys the tremendous freedom his job allows, especially the flexibility it provides him to spend quality time with his wife, Jenni, and their 16-month-old son, Miles.

"At this point in my life it's great to spend that much time with my family. Right now I feel really good about where I am."

## There's a lot that goes into the word "talent"

As an advance scout, Carr's overall examination of a player is greatly influenced by traits other than athletic ability and physical talent.

More than just the ability to crush a 95 m.p.h. fastball onto the Mass Pike or buckle A-Rod's knees with a Barry Zito-like 12-6 curveball, talent—as Carr explains—is multifaceted.

"When a scout is behind the plate they are going to be struck by players that give an all-out effort, hustle on every play, support their teammates, keep their head up when times are rough and experience failure and get through it."

These often overlooked attributes—which Carr refers to as a player's "makeup"—are instrumental when evaluating a prospect and gauging their potential at the Major League level.

Carr points out the example of a catcher coming up to bat in the late innings after previously going 0-4.

If "the catcher has caught a really good game and is in great spirits after the game because the club won, that says a lot about a player."

In an athletic world diseased by the selfish cancers of certain high profile players (i.e. Terrell Owens), Carr is highly impressed by a player who puts the team above himself.

He also reveres those who continue to play for the love of the game.

For the true card-carrying members of Red Sox Nation, it is players like late '90s set-up man and cult hero Rich "El

Guapo" Garces who is playing this season for the Nashua Pride of the Independent League.

"Guys that haven't made a whole lot of money, making peanuts kicking around independent leagues says a lot about their character. They truly love baseball."

## These guys are just like everyone else

So what's it like hanging out with Big Papi, Manny and Schill?

"It's fun. At first I was a little intimidated as an intern, but you see a lot of these guys care about you."

"David Ortiz, for example, is just a great guy. These guys are just like everyone else—they just happen to get a huge paycheck every couple weeks."

What made the curse-breaking 2004 season so rewarding?

Besides recording the greatest comeback in sports history against the rival New York Yankees and exorcizing the demons of Harry Frazee and "No No Nanette," the Sox experienced a shared sense of accomplishment within the organization as a whole.

"When you're working day in and day out for an organization and see that culmination of everyone's hard work in a championship there's no better feeling."

Throw 26 year-old Japanese pitching phenom Daisuke "Dice-K" Matsuzaka, spark-plug shortstop, lead off man Julio Lugo and power hitting right fielder J.D. Drew into the mix and Carr believes this year's edition might rival that of 2004.

"It's exciting when you look at the names on that 40-man roster. Our offense should be powerful."

"At this point, our rotation seems to be stacked. We have so much depth both in the minors and the bullpen."

## Dissecting the Psyche of Red Sox Nation

As a Massachusetts native and higher-level employee of the Red Sox organization, Carr provides a unique insight into the nature of the recent bandwagon phenomenon that is "Red Sox Nation".

Prior to 2004, the heartbeat of Sox fandom was characterized by the peculiar camaraderie of history and failure.

From Bucky "Bleeping" Dent in '78 to Bill Buckner in '86 and most recently Aaron Boone in 2003, the heartbreak that Sox fans have endured has been devastating.

Still, having such passion and unwavering devotion for the Red Sox is almost a rite of passage in the greater Boston area.

"When I was 11 years old watching the 1986 World Series it was heartbreaking and I was only 11. How does that happen? It was all the [culture] constantly pounded into your brain about 'The Curse,'" Carr explained.

"Somehow [the Sox] made you feel and experience all the heartbreak, but maintain that devotion and loyalty."

Today, in wake of the 2004 campaign, an influx of new fans and heightened interest in the club has given rise to a highly optimistic and every growing Red Sox Nation.

"Our fanbase seems to be headed in a whole new direction. History is still [a characteristic] but failure is not anymore."

Despite his high profile position in one of professional sports' major franchises, Carr has not lost his love for the game or his team.

"Certainly the most rewarding part [of the job] has been being tied to and emotionally invested, like a lot of fans but in a different sense, to the wins and losses at the big league level."

This devotion lends Carr the distinction of being a true baseball fanatic.

For a man whose only jewelry includes a wedding and a World Series ring, the historic ride of 2004 is something Carr will always look back on with pure ecstasy, satisfaction and a once in a lifetime sense of accomplishment.

"Being in the clubhouse after we won the World Series and after we beat the Yankees in the playoffs are experiences obviously as a Red Sox fan growing up that I'll never forget."



## BASKETBALL

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UMBC, on the other hand, shot an impressive 48.3 percent.

"We had some good looks, but we couldn't finish again today and we gave them too many open looks by slipping under screens and giving them the back-door opportunity," Dawley said.

UVM was able to jump out to an early 17-12 lead thanks to sophomore Andrea Cihal's seven points and a career high 11 rebounds.

"I thought Andrea did a nice job rebounding the ball," Dawley added.

UMBC was able to use a 13-4 run to grab a 27-21 lead with four minutes left in the half and took a 35-29 lead into the half.

Vermont came out strong in the second half closing the lead to one point behind a three-pointer from freshman Courtney Pilypaitis.

Pilypaitis netted a team high 22 points in the con-

*"We missed a lot of easy shots today and had too many defensive breakdowns."*

*-Head Coach Sharon Dawley*

test.

Pilypaitis added eight rebounds and five assists as well.

UMBC was able to regain the lead 42-38, but a pair of free throws by sophomore Sy Janousek tied the game.

Janousek provided a spark off the bench with 13 points and three rebounds.

UMBC rattled off a 7-0 rally to take a 52-44 lead with 8:12 left in play.

A three by freshman May Kotsopoulos and a jumper by Pilypaitis cut the lead to four at 54-50.

That is as close as the Catamounts would get in the remainder of play.

Kotsopoulos had 13 points in the game and senior Brittney Cross added nine points and five assists of her own.

The Retrievers drained 13 consecutive free throws and 15 of 16 overall in the final minute to thwart any comeback attempts by Vermont.

"We did well executing our time management at the end of the game, but UMBC was able to convert their free throws to close out the game," Dawley said.

With the loss Vermont drops to 16-10 overall on the season, 6-7 in America East.

UMBC is now 13-14 overall, 6-8 in America East play.

The Catamounts hit the road for a pair of games before returning home.

The Cats' final home game is Saturday, March 3 against Albany at 1:00 p.m. before heading to the America East Conference tournament.

# La Rivalidad Ultima

## Citizens of the United States love their sports rivalries, but what about Europeans...

By DAKOTA RUBIN

Foreign Correspondent

Ali vs. Frazier.

Michigan vs. Ohio State.

Red Sox vs. Yankees.

Duke vs. North Carolina.

Bears vs. Packers.

These are considered the top rivalries in the world of U.S. sports but I am here to tell you that they are small potatoes.

Do any of those involve the two largest cities in a country?

Were any of those rivalries on opposite sides of a civil

war?

Here in Spain they have that rivalry.

In the Spanish Premier League this rivalry is known as "el gran clásico"; the clash between world football powerhouses Real Madrid and FC Barcelona.

The two clubs have played more than 200 games against each other in their long and storied history, with Madrid holding a slight 83-79 advantage with 44 ties.

But it is not the number of games or the prominence of the clubs that makes this rivalry so heated and intense. It is its meaning to the people and to Spain as a country that puts the "clásico" at the top.

What was originally purely a sports rivalry became much more under the regime of Francisco Franco when he tried to suppress regional

identity.

One of his first targets was "El Barcelona," the football club.

At the same time Franco put all his support behind Real Madrid, which was considered the team of the regime while Barcelona was the opposition.

That sentiment is still felt by many Catalonians (residents of the state in which the city of Barcelona lies) supporters today who believe FC Barcelona represents the separate independent state for which they are fighting.

Real Madrid represents the unified Spain that they are against.

So not only is this a rivalry between the two best clubs in one of the best leagues in the world as neither team has ever been demoted to the second division.

It is also between the two largest cities in the country

that have been competing for supremacy since the beginning.

Come March 11 when the teams meet for the second and final time this season at Cap Nou Stadium in Barcelona, the game will mean as much as ever.

Both teams will be fighting for the crown as the Spanish League draws to a close.

Over the years there have been pig heads and bottles of whiskey thrown at players, threats made against opposing players and a whole lot of amazing football.

Why does it always seem like rivalry games are just that much better?

Maybe it is the passion.

Or maybe it is the anger.

Or maybe it is simply pure loathing.

Whatever it is, it is at its best in Spain between these legendary clubs.

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# SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK AT UVM (2.27-3.5)

### Wednesday (2.28)

Women's Lacrosse vs. Massachusetts (3p.m.)  
Women's Basketball @ New Hampshire (7p.m.)

### Friday (3.2)

Softball @ Fordham (10a.m.)  
Softball @ East Carolina (12p.m.)  
Men's Hockey vs. Umass-Lowell (7:05p.m.)  
Baseball @ TCU (7:30p.m.)

### Saturday (3.3)

Men's Basketball @ A-East Championships (TBA)  
Track @ ECAC Championships (TBA)  
Softball @ Delaware (10a.m.)  
Softball @ James Madison (12p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Marist (12p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse @ Canisius (1p.m.)  
Women's Basketball vs. Albany (1p.m.)  
Baseball @ TCUBoston U. (3p.m.)  
Men's Hockey vs. Umass-Lowell (7:05p.m.)

### Sunday (3.4)

Softball @ TBA (TBA)  
Men's Basketball @ A-East Championships (TBA)  
Baseball at TCU (2p.m.)

## SNOW REPORT (2.27-3.5)

### Tuesday (2.27)

Few snow showers  
26°/9°

### Wednesday (2.28)

Few snow showers  
27°/4°

### Thursday (3.1)

Partly cloudy  
22°/15°

### Friday (3.2)

Light wintry mix  
27°/20°

### Saturday (3.3)

Few snow showers  
25°/21°

### Sunday (3.4)

Few snow showers  
26°/17°

### Monday (3.5)

Partly cloudy  
26°/14°

## LAST WEEK (2.20-2.25)

### Men's Basketball

23-6 (15-1 A-East)  
@ Boston U. (2.22)  
UVM 24-33 - 57  
Boston U. 23-32 - 55  
vs. Hartford (2.25)  
UVM Win 90  
Binghamton 73

### Women's Basketball

16-11 (6-8 A-East)  
vs. UMBC (2.20)  
UVM Loss 26-41 - 67  
Binghamton 30-47 - 77  
@ Stony Brook (2.24)  
UVM OT Loss 50-27-10 - 87  
Stony Brook 45-32-19 - 96

### Men's Hockey

17-13-4 (12-9-4 Hockey East)  
@ Boston U. (2.23)  
UVM Loss 0-0-1 - 1  
Boston U. 1-0-2 - 3  
@ Boston U. (2.24)  
UVM Win 0-3-0 - 3  
Boston U. 0-0-2 - 2

### Women's Hockey

3-28-2 (1-19-1 Hockey East)  
vs. New Hampshire (2.24)  
UVM Loss 0-0-0 - 0  
New Hampshire 2-1-1 - 4  
vs. New Hampshire (2.25)  
UVM Loss 0-1-0 - 1  
New Hampshire 3-3-2 - 8

### Men's Lacrosse

1-1 (0-0 A-East)  
@ Maryland (2.20)  
UVM Loss 3-1-0 - 3 - 7  
Maryland 3-4-1-8 - 16  
@ Quinnipiac (2.24)  
UVM Win 4-2-5-4 - 15  
Quinnipiac 2-2-0-4 - 8

### Skiing

EISA Championships (2.23-24)  
Dartmouth 928.5  
UVM 858  
Middlebury 833  
UNH 682  
Williams 608  
Colby 606.5  
Bates 604  
St. Lawrence Univ. 584  
St. Michael's 350  
Harvard 321  
Bowdoin 223

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont	23-6 (15-1)
2. Albany	20-9 (13-3)
3. Boston U.	11-17 (8-8)
4. Maine	12-17 (7-9)
5. UMBC	11-18 (7-9)
6. Binghamton	13-15 (6-10)
7. Hartford	12-17 (6-10)
8. New Hampshire	10-19 (6-10)
9. Stony Brook	9-19 (4-12)

### A-East Women's Basketball

1. Hartford	20-7 (13-1)
2. Stony Brook	16-10 (12-2)
3. Maine	13-12 (7-7)
4. Vermont	16-11 (6-8)
5. Binghamton	10-17 (6-8)
6. Boston U.	14-14 (6-9)
7. UMBC	13-15 (6-9)
8. New Hampshire	9-17 (4-10)
9. Albany	8-19 (4-10)

### Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	18-5-2 (38 pts)
2. Boston U.	13-5-8 (34 pts)
3. Boston Coll.	62-8-1 (33 pts)
4. Maine	14-10-1 (29 pts)
5. Vermont	12-9-4 (28 pts)
6. UMass	12-9-3 (27 pts)
7. Northeastern	8-12-5 (21 pts)
8. Providence	7-15-3 (17 pts)
9. UMass Lowell	6-16-3 (15 pts)
10. Merrimack	3-20-2 (8 pts)

### Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	18-1-2 (38 pts)
2. Boston Coll.	15-6-0 (30 pts)
3. Providence	12-6-3 (27 pts)
4. Connecticut	12-7-2 (26 pts)
5. Boston U.	10-9-2 (22 pts)
6. Maine	5-14-2 (12 pts)
7. Northeastern	4-15-2 (10 pts)
8. Vermont	1-19-1 (3 pts)

# Women's Hockey Falls to New Hampshire on Senior Weekend



(Simone La Bonta/Vermont Cynic)

Freshman Sash Hochlander (6) skates from her UNH defender in Saturday's contest. Hochlander helped the Cats improve from the teams' first meeting of the season on Dec. 2 when UNH outshot UVM, 54-5.

A strong defensive effort wasn't enough as the Cats dropped their regular their final season series to UNH

By CORY WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

Despite a tenacious defensive effort, the Catamounts were unable to control the University of New Hampshire's high-powered offense on Saturday afternoon in women's Hockey East action.

The #4 ranked Wildcats (25-3-5, 17-1-1 Hockey East) were held to 25 shots, their second lowest total on the season.

UVM (3-26-2, 1-18-1 Hockey East) managed to put 12 shots on UNH goaltender Brittany Busa, who earned her first shutout of the season.

"This was an effort to be proud of today," head coach Tim Bothwell said.

"To hold a team like that to under 30 shots is a real accomplishment, and shows us what we can do when we put our minds to it. Our effort level was excellent for 60 minutes."

New Hampshire started the scoring at 8:46 in the first period, when Katie Holmes put a rebound past junior goalkeeper Jenilee Roy, who made her 15 start of the season.

The Wildcats were able to score again with 3:12 left in the period, thanks to Nicole Hekle, co-captain for New Hampshire.

Hekle also set up a power-play goal in the second period, making a crisp pass to linemate Jennifer Hitchcock.

Hitchcock then put the puck over Roy's glove to make the score 3-0.

Early in the second period, junior Karen Sentooff took a rebound and put a shot into goal that got jammed in Busa's pads.

In the final stanza, UNH's Kacey Bellamy went top shelf and scored her eighth goal of the season, following a tripping penalty called on Catamount captain, senior Kristen Norris.

Roy made 21 saves, keeping UNH in check for most of the game.

The Catamounts were in and out of the penalty box all game, committing eight penalties and giving up two power-play goals.

"It's easier to kill three or four penalties than it is to kill six or seven," Bothwell said. "We took a few too many penalties today and that doesn't help."

The final home game of the University of Vermont's regular season was at 2 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 25.

The Cats lost to UNH 8-1 in their regular season finale.

The Wildcats skated all over Vermont in the first period, out-shooting the Catamounts 17-2, and taking a quick 3-0 lead.

Seniors Norris, Ashley Keane, Kattie Anderson, Jenny Hogan, Shivaun Siegl and Gabe Worzella were honored in this past weekend's senior festivities.

"They've been through a lot, and they shepherded us into a new era," Bothwell said.

"They have helped us get to a new level and start to become competitive nationally."

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# Men's Basketball Finishes With a Slam Dunk

**The Cats secure first seed in the America East tournament with victory over Hartford**

By KAT WILLIAMS  
Cynic Correspondent

Playing in their last regular season home game, seniors Chris Holm and Martin Kilmes helped to lead the Cats to a 90-73 victory over the Hartford Hawks on Sunday in front of a sellout crowd.

UVM took a 14-point lead in the first half while the Hawks got into early foul trouble.

Junior Kyle Cieplicki stepped up big time for the Cats, hitting four three-pointers, two field goals and a foul shot to lead the team in first half scoring with 17 points.

"Hartford plays all zone so I had to be ready to hit some shots," Cieplicki said after the game.

Kilmes and Holm both added seven points each in the first half while freshman Marqus Blakely chipped in with 4.

Hawks freshman Joe Zeglinski went six for nine from the floor and four for four from the foul line, giving him 19 first half points.

Senior Alex Zimnickas added 13 while sophomore Jaret Von Rosenberg put in 11.

Player and coaching staff fouls caused the Hawks some problems in the first half, but they managed to pull away leading the game 50-44 going into halftime.

Starting off the second half, the Cats clawed their way back to even the score.

Holm stepped up offensively, scoring 10 points and pulling down 12 boards to give the senior another double-double.

Heading into the contest, Holm was just 13 rebounds away from passing the all-time UVM Men's Basketball rebounding record, and passed

that mark with his game high 15 rebounds.

Kilmes did an outstanding job on the defensive end, shutting down the Hawks' inside game.

He ended the game with nine points and four rebounds.

Cieplicki was still hot in the second half, scoring nine points bringing his game and career high total to 26.

He also grabbed four boards and a steal to help the Cats defeat Hartford.

Sophomore Mike Trimboli, scoreless in the first half, had a major offensive turn around in the second half, scoring 12 points and grabbing three rebounds.

Freshman Joe Trapani and Marqus Blakely both ended up with eight points on the game.

The Hawks couldn't keep up in the second half, only shooting 30 percent from the floor.

Zeglinski led Hartford in scoring with 24 points while Jaret Von Rosenberg had 18 and Alex Zimnickas added 16.

"Even though we gave up a lot of points today part of that game I thought we played tremendous defense," Coach Mike Lonergan said.

With the regular season over for the Cats, playoffs begin this coming weekend.

As the number one seed in America East, UVM will be playing the winner of the game between the eighth and ninth ranked team on March 3 at Agganis Arena in Boston.

"It won't mean as much if we don't make it to the NCAAAs," said Chris Holm when asked about their winning season.

With that said, the Cats are excited to get tournament play started.

Vermont's victory gives the Cats their 11 straight win, making them 15-1 in America East, giving them the best regular-season winning percentage in school history.



Junior Kyle Cieplicki (14) beats his Hartford defender in the air as teammate Mike Trimboli (13) rushes in for support in Sunday afternoon's game. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## Game, Set, Match



Bruce Brown serves it old school, only to be knocked out by Chris Murphy and the next generation of paddle jockeys. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

## UMBC Spoils Lady Cats' Comeback

**Poor shooting by the Cats lifts UMBC to a 80-72 win**

By NICK DECARO  
Staff Writer

UMBC served the women's basketball team its fourth loss in five games on Tuesday at Patrick Gym.

UMBC made 15 of 16 foul shots in the last minute of play to hold off Vermont 80-72.

The Retrievers rallied behind Sharri Rhode's 27 points, 10 rebounds and 94.4 percent shooting from the foul line.

"We missed a lot of easy shots today and had too many defensive breakdowns," said head coach Sharon Dawley.

Vermont only shot 33.8 percent from the field and 21.7 percent from behind the arc.



Sophomore Sy Janousek attempts a shot around her UMBC defenders. Janousek recorded 13 points and three rebounds. (Ian T. Janen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)



## And the Streak Goes On

**Men's basketball secures its fifth straight trip to the conference championship game and extends its current winning streak to 13 games**

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Editor-in-Chief

ESPN will be making its way back to Patrick Gym on Saturday, March 10.

After winning their America East quarterfinal and semifinal games this weekend at Boston University's Agganis Arena, the men's basketball team will host the University of Albany in the conference championship game.

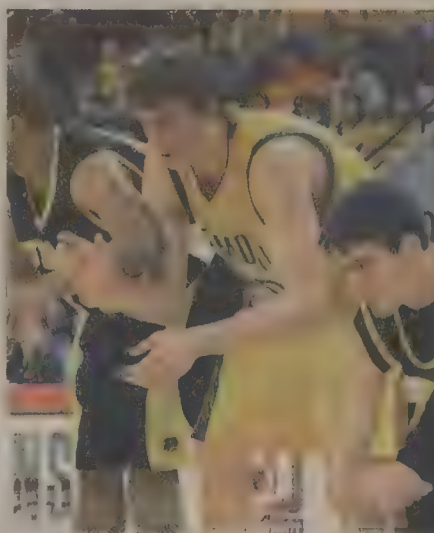
The #1-seed in the conference tourna-

ment, the Catamounts advanced to the final game by knocking off #8 Hartford, 81-62, on Saturday and #5 UMBC, 72-63 on Sunday.

Coming into the weekend Vermont was arguably one of the hottest teams in the country, and coming out of it, their claim seems to be on an even more solid foundation.

On Friday, the Catamounts garnered extensive America East honors. Head coach Mike Lonergan was named Coach of the Year, while sophomore Mike Trimboli and senior Chris Holm were named to the All-Conference First Team. Senior Martin Klimes received third team honors and freshman Joe Trapani was named to the all-rookie team.

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(Dennis Robillard/Vermont Cynic)

## SGA Election Underway

**Students declare their candidacy for president and vice president of SGA**

By TOM PAYEUR

Staff Writer

On Feb. 27 applications were handed in for next year's SGA president and vice president positions.

The official candidates for the office of president of the Student Government Association are Juniors Scott McCarty, Kesha Ram, Lydia Morin, Adam Crawford, Nick Meltzer, Christina Wehry and Sophomore Ross Nizlek.

Vice president candidates are Juniors DaVaughn Bryan, Ben Porter and Lizzy Mazer.

Kesha Ram and DaVaughn Bryan, Scott McCarty and Lizzy Mazer, and Lydia Morin and Ben Porter are running on a mock ticket, as current President Seth Bowden and Vice President Ajay Schmidt did in last year's elections.

One issue students are looking into, as they have in the past is whether or not previous experience on The Senate matters or not.

Only two of the candidates, Nick Meltzer and Christina Wehry are not SGA senators.

"One girl came by asking for signatures in Cook," freshman Kaylyn O'Leary said. "She said she wasn't on SGA, but she was really dedicated to certain issues. I signed her nomination paper."

"I don't think it's a problem, as long as they're dedicated," freshman Mike Spillane said.

Another important issue is in reaching the student body. Candidates are using a variety of media in order to get their name known, using posters in the halls and Facebook groups.

Next year's president and vice president also have new issues to deal with.

The new executives will have to manage a new committee, The Committee on Diversity, Equity,

SGA, A4

## Anti-war Voice Comes to UVM



(Jason Gold/Vermont Cynic)

Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan visits UVM to sit on panel discussion of the Iraq War and speak against the war. (Story, A2)

## Tuition Price Tag to Increase by More Than 6 Percent

**University ups the tuition to adjust to the needs of the school**

By TOM PAYEUR

Staff Writer

The issue of affordability versus quality is one of the debates facing the University of Vermont.

"If an institute were to lean on the affordability side, there would be virtually no tuition increase," John Hughes, provost of the University of Vermont

said. "Likewise, lean too much on quality, and there is a risk of creating frightening prices."

For about the last 10 years, the rise in tuition has been marked at around a steady 4 percent.

Next semester, the increase rises to 6 percent. The decision is governed by the Board of Trustees, which evaluates the needs of the University, versus the amount of money generated by tuition.

"Tuition per year is 6.3 percent," Hughes said. "So even at 6 percent we're below the national average."

According to Hughes, 30 percent of all tuition immediately goes back into financial aid.

"It's like the sticker price on a car," Hughes said. "On average, you're paying 30 percent below the sticker price on UVM."

UVM also measures inflation on a different scale than the average household, Hughes said.

Whereas the Consumer Index Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for the average household, the rate of inflation for institutes of higher educa-

tion is measured in terms of the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).

According to Hughes, this is because universities and colleges have different expenses, such as building maintenance, large-scale payrolls and research funding.

As it stands, the rate of inflation determined by the HEPI is around 5 percent, Hughes said.

UVM only receives 4.2 percent of the 6 percent tuition increase; and Vermont is still below the growth rate of inflation determined for universi-

ties and colleges.

For out-of-state students, the cost of tuition is \$26,000. With the 6 percent raise, these students are paying \$364 more per year. The amount is lower for resident students.

Most students agree that a rise from 4 percent to 6 percent sounds daunting. After an explanation of the facts, however, many showed support.

"If [the increase] would guarantee certain things, like livable wages, then I'm all for it," junior Tyler Brannen, said.

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# Sheehan speaks on antiwar panel at UVM

Sheehan joined by Drew Cameron, and other panelists to discuss the War in Iraq

By JAMES TURITTO  
Cynic Correspondent

In front of a packed crowd mixed with Vermonters and students who trekked through the heavy snow and fog, Cindy Sheehan denounced the war in Iraq Friday night during a panel discussion at the C.C. Theater.

The event, sponsored by Iraq Veterans Against the War, Students Against the War and the Peace and Global Justice Center, included three Iraq War veterans, a writer for *The Nation*, and Sheehan.

Sheehan's rise to the top of the antiwar movement began with the death of her son Casey, in Iraq.

Since her son's death, she has traveled around the world with her antiwar message.

"She is the Madonna of the war movement," John Nichols of *The Nation* said.

For five weeks in the late summer of 2005, Sheehan camped outside President Bush's vacation home in Crawford, TX so that she could ask him for what cause her son died.

Since then, she has spoken

throughout the country and internationally in Venezuela and other South American countries.

The message Friday night was clear: "We are living under a rogue government. To ensure peace and stability in the world, we have to imprison the Bush Regime for war crimes. This is our priority," Sheehan said.

Impeachment, then imprisonment, Sheehan said.

"The most important thing for our Republic right now is to remove the President and the Vice-President from office for lying to us about the war in Iraq," Nichols, another panel member, said.

Sheehan's visit comes amidst Vermont's Town Meeting Day.

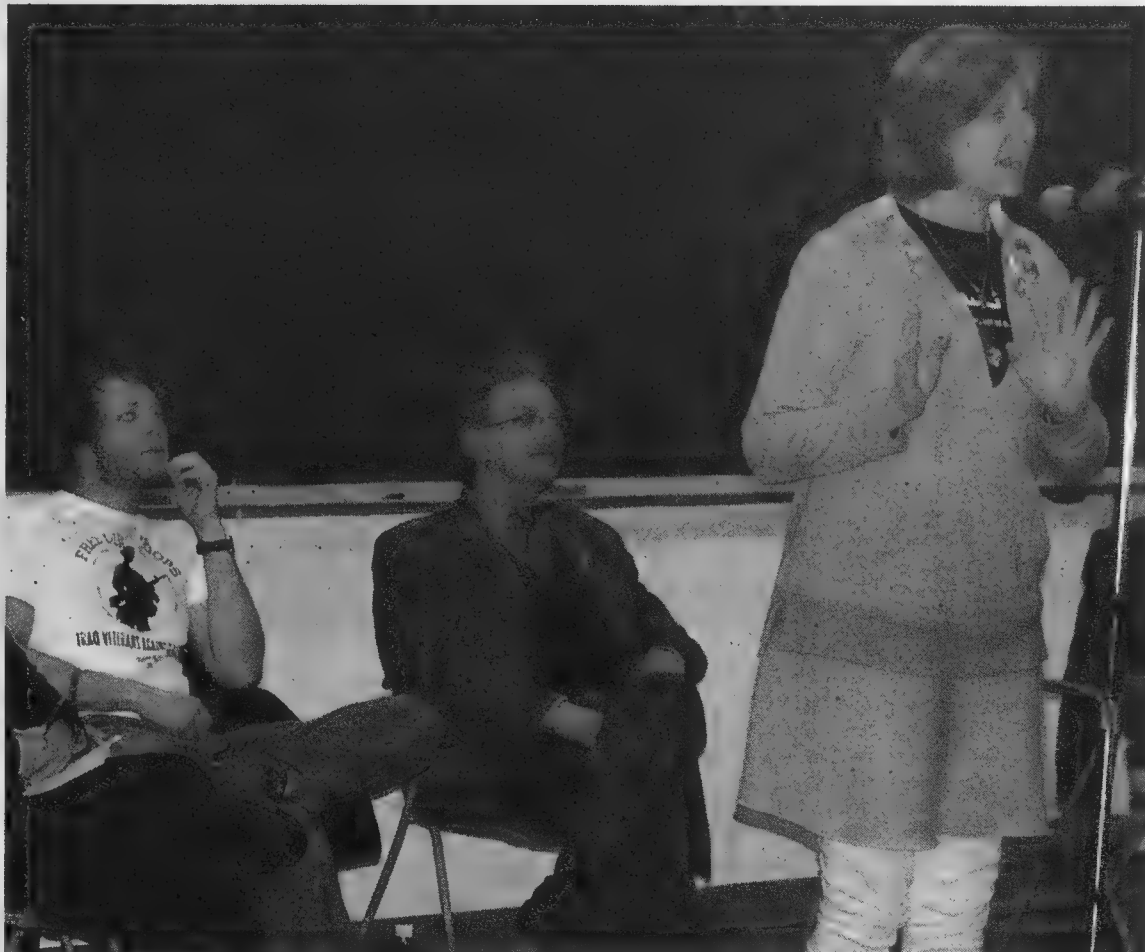
Recently, Sheehan has traveled throughout Vermont calling on all citizens to vote in favor of the legislation calling for the impeachment of the President.

Before her appearance at UVM, Sheehan testified in front of the House and Senate in Montpelier.

"I think it's important we separate government's foreign policy from the actions of the troops," The Burlington Free Press reported that Sheehan said.

In Vermont, the legislature has already passed a bill calling for withdrawal of American troops.

Drew Cameron, a member



Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan lectures in front of a panel in C.C Theater.

(Jason Goldt/Vermont Cynic)

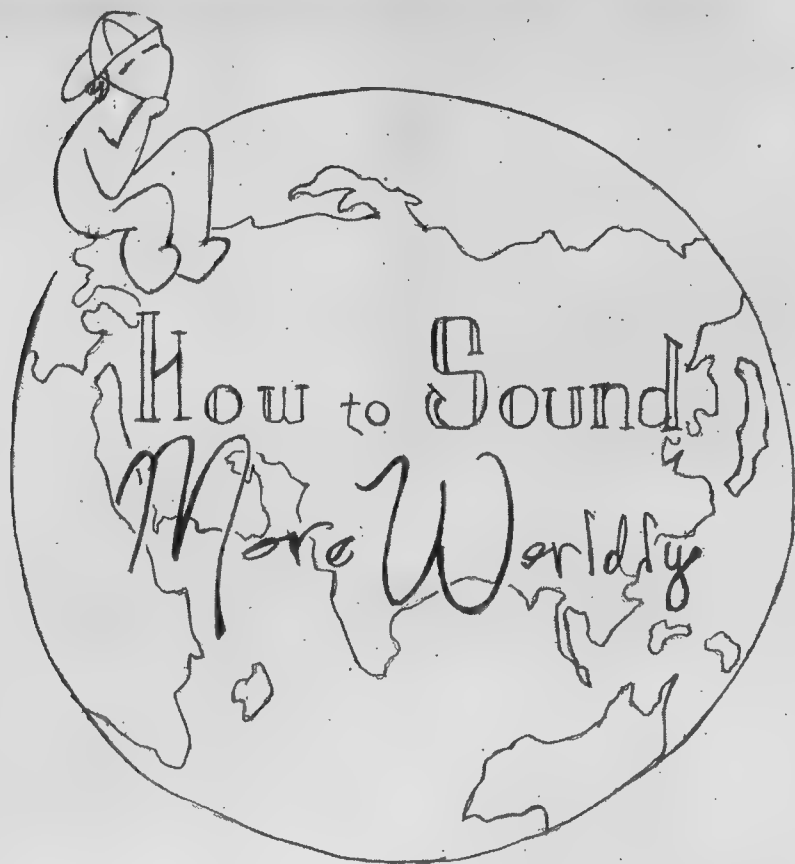
and coordinator of Iraq Veterans Against the War, outlined IVAW's commitment to the movement by calling for immediate withdrawal, American reparations to the Iraqi

people, and full benefits for all Iraq War veterans.

Quoting Martin Luther King, Jr., Cameron said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Democracy can never be forced on someone, it cannot be had through the barrel of a gun, Cameron concluded.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### •Head of the Army gets fired

Secretary of the Army, Francis J. Harvey was fired amongst allegations of problems with veteran's services and the deterioration of conditions at the Army's flagship hospital, Walter Reed.

### •Tornados kill throughout the south

A storm system throughout the midwest and south killed 20 people. Deaths have occurred in Alabama, Georgia and Missouri. The deaths come after 31 tornados touched down throughout the area. President Bush visited Alabama on Saturday, and promised aid.

### •Switzerland invades Liechtenstein

170 Swiss soldiers accidentally got lost and invaded a principality of their neighbor to the north, Liechtenstein. Officials in both Liechtenstein and Switzerland are playing down the incident. The soldiers were armed, but did not have ammunition.

### •Iran and Saudi Arabia meet to discuss violence in the Middle East

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran visited Saudi Arabia on Saturday to discuss sectarian violence in the Middle East. The meeting was initiated by Iran.

### •Emissions will increase due to Bush Administration - UN Says

According to the United State Climate Action Report, a report from the United Nations, the emissions in our country will increase 11 percent by 2012, due to the politics of the Bush Administration.

### •Protests against Putin broken up, as 100 are arrested

In Moscow, a protest against President Vladimir Putin became violent. Police arrested over 100 of the protesters.

### •Stock market plummets

The stock market took a hit, due to problems in the Chinese market, marking the greatest loss of profits since the markets opened after the 9/11 attacks on the United States. The Dow fell 4.2 percent for the week and the Nasdaq fell 5.9 percent

### •Libya begins to open up to the world

Colonel Muammar el-Qaddafi spoke to foreign correspondents on Friday, and discussed opening Libya up to the world, but stated that women still shouldn't do "men's jobs" due to biological differences.

# Club Makes Sandwiches to End Hunger

**FeelGood, the grilled cheese makers in Billings' basement work to end world hunger**

By JESSICA BARTLETT  
Cynic Correspondant

In the bottom of Billings on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, the aroma of gourmet grilled cheese can be smelled as one descends the stairs, thanks to FeelGood.

"It's about creating partnerships with people who don't have the means to support themselves," Taryn Ross, a UVM senior and president of FeelGood said.

The FeelGood club is one of 10 international chapters, and while it has achieved enormous success on its own, FeelGood is also a part of a larger organization - The Hunger Project (THP).

FeelGood debuted at the University of Vermont in the spring of 2005, but according to members, the organization truly got off the ground last year.

"Last year we made \$8000.

However last semester alone, we made over \$10,000," Ross said. "Now we make \$1000 a week on average."

The gourmet sandwiches that characterize FeelGood's project have a variety of ingredients, other than just cheese and bread. Sautéed onions, sautéed green peppers, mushrooms, spinach, tomatoes, pesto, pasta sauce, ranch dressing, salsa and garlic are just a few of the extra choices available for the FeelGood grilled cheese sandwich. They also offer vegan cheese.

The FeelGood organization is supported by many local companies. Shelburne Farms donates the cheese, Klingers donates the bread, and Vermont Base Waters donates sodas. Numerous other businesses in downtown Burlington, such as Uncommon Ground and Apple Mountain, also contribute to the FeelGood.

"All the money we make goes to the Hunger Project," Leah Grossman, a UVM junior and vice president of FeelGood said. "There are eight steps to ending poverty, and the first one is to end hunger."

The Hunger Project has launched their Millennium Development Goals. According to these goals, the organization is

hoping to achieve world-wide results. Not only do they plan on eradicating extreme hunger and poverty, but another goal is to achieve universal primary education. The Hunger Project states goals of promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health.

"It's not just about hunger. Empowering women is a big part of it too," Ross acknowledged.

If that wasn't a big enough undertaking already, THP also plans to extend their sphere of influence to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability and to develop a global partnership for world-wide development.

According to members, the goal of FeelGood is to create partnerships, not charity.

According to the January edition of the FeelGood Newsletter, the money received isn't looked at as a donation, but as an investment. By selling Gourmet Grilled Cheeses, apparel and holding numerous events to raise money, such as raffles and silent auctions, FeelGood is enabling other countries to start to support themselves.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Student's work during the business hours of the FeelGood stand.

Thirty active members make up UVM's FeelGood staff, with five or six people on the counter at a time. By selling the \$4.00 sandwiches, these students are helping to end world hunger, "one grilled cheese sandwich at a time."

Grossman said that her involvement with FeelGood sprung from an e-mail from the UVM listserv.

"I was really inspired by the officers' passion and drive. I was impressed with the in-

tegrity of the group and knew right away that this was something that I wanted to be a part of my life," Grossman said.

Although the project is making a huge difference, Grossman admitted that it's not all easy.

"The hardest part of FeelGood is mobilizing the student body to get involved, and to make it click with them that we are legitimately creating change."

## Community Panel Talks About Issues Facing UVM

**Groups discusses parking, buses, drinking and the Davis Center**

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Cynic Correspondant

Students from the University of Vermont gathered on Feb. 28 for a discussion on all aspects of campus life.

The Inter Residence Association (IRA) hosted the Community Forum. IRA invited students and delegates from police services, parking and transportation, dining services and the department of residential life. The panel discussed dining questions and transportation issues, among others.

Paul Bahan, director of marketing for dining services, announced that Cook Commons will transition from a "grab-and-go" to an "all-you-care-to-eat" dining facility for the 2008-2009 school years. Bahan also commented that the Davis center will offer the "grab-and-go" option for central campus.

According to Bahan, starting Sept. 1 2007, the Marketplace at the Davis center will offer multiple dining options. Bahan described some of the dining options, which will include Indian food and a Mediterranean station, according to Bahan, "that will go far beyond pizza." Sakura will serve sushi and New World Tortilla will provide students with Mexican cuisine.

While the Davis center will offer a large variety of international food choices, the plan is for the Davis center to use

as much local food as possible. According to Bahan, some menu items will be unique to UVM and will incorporate Vermont products. The Farmer's Diner, of Quechee, VT is one of the venues focusing on Vermont food.

One of the dining options, Brennan's Pub, was the topic of some student's questions, with student's voicing worries that offering a place to drink on a dry campus will create more incriminating situations for students.

"We know that students will drink on campus. We know that they'll go downtown. We want to create a space where

*"We want to create a space where students can drink with their friends or family when they come."*

students can drink with their friends or family when they come," Bahan said. Bahan emphasized that the pub will have strict regulations and limits.

"UVM understands the responsibility that comes with an on-campus pub," Bahan said. According to Bahan, UVM is looking at other campuses, including Middlebury College, as models as they put the finished plans for Brennan's Pub and Bistro into motion.

Concerns about current alcohol usage were discussed with Sue Roberts, an officer with police services. With the police services fully staffed, some students worried about the presence of police on weekend buses.

"It's okay to have [an officer] on the bus, but it makes

people second guess getting on the bus when the police officer is breathalizing almost every kid who gets on," freshman Bob Just said. "If they feel threatened to go on the bus, they may end up walking or driving."

"We want to get students back to school safely," Roberts said, "if we were going to stalk students who drink, we'd just wait at the bus stop."

Roberts said that officers are on busses because drivers have requested their presence. "Once the problem is generated and we're contacted, we're not just going to target the one person who started it."

The transportation theme continued as several students expressed dissatisfaction with crowding on busses.

"The bus driver looks at you and shakes his head, and keeps driving [because the bus is already at capacity]," one student in the audience said.

Katherine Decarreau, director of parking and transportation empathized with the students while explaining the logistics. According to Decarreau, UVM recently purchased two new busses, which can hold up to 20 percent more students than the old buses. This increase brings the total to 10 buses, but according to Decarreau, staffing them is a challenge.

Decarreau added that they try to be environmentally responsible by not running buses empty all day. Decarreau said, that the bus right before and right after the "peak class time" is often empty. "Sometimes students just have to get up a little bit earlier, and walking is always an option as well," Decarreau said.



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## ELECTION

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and Environment, recently voted in by this year's SGA.

Many students say that the key arguments facing candidates in this year's elections are those of student safety, livable wages, staying Green and keeping SGA up to par with student issues as the student population increases.

**The election has been scheduled to take place on Mar. 27 and Mar. 28.**

The vice presidential debate has been scheduled for 7 p.m. in Billing's Marsh Lounge on Mar. 21.

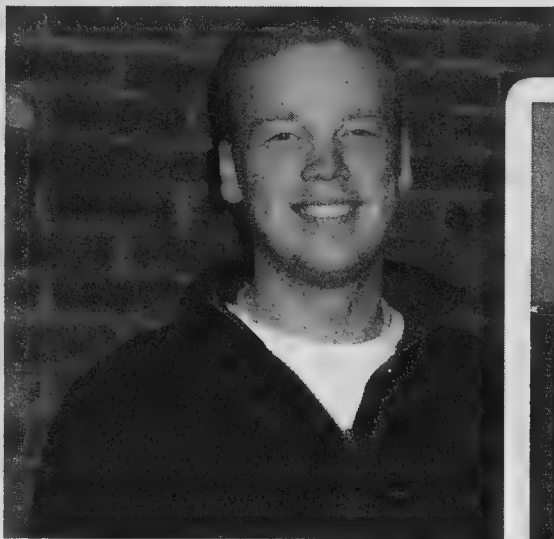
The Presidential debate will be held at 7 p.m. in Memorial Lounge on March 22.

The format of questions was discussed during the SGA meeting on Feb. 28. "The tentative idea would be a collection of student designed questions. Candidates will not know what questions will be asked during the debate," Senator Renee Lariviere, who heads the election committee, said.

The election has been scheduled to take place on March 27 and March 28.

Throughout the academic year, elections were discussed at multiple SGA meetings. Many Senators were in favor of an online election. However, President Bowdon made it clear that there was no way of securing an online election with the University's current software. For this reason, elections will be standard ballots.

Students are free to choose any president and any vice president they deem worthy of the job. Given this, students do not have to choose specific campaigning tickets such as the Ram/Bryan pair.



SGA presidents from top left (clockwise); Nick Meltzer, Kesha Ram, Ross Nizlek, Christina Wehry, Scott McCarty, DaVaughn Bryan.

(Photos contributed by individual candidates)

## Leahy & UVM bring home the buses

**UVM scores a pair of environmentally friendly buses, with more to come**

By WILLIAM SEDLACK

Assistant News Editor

The city of Burlington and the University of Vermont, with the help of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), recently bought and began to outfit a fleet of compressed natural gas (CNG) buses on the UVM campus.

"To me, what stands out is the University and city collaboration," said Gioia Thompson, the environmental coordinator and sustainability director for UVM.

Leahy obtained a \$2.7 million grant for UVM for the project. The grant pays for 80 percent of the purchasing of the new buses.

"They're better workhorses of a bus and it has a chance to run clean and run more students more effectively," Katherine Decarreau, Director of Parking and Transportation, said.

The new bus has a higher weight limit than the current fleet of buses.

According to Decarreau, the buses are a cooperative program between UVM and Burlington, especially since the CNG buses take a specialized filling station that Burlington

was able to provide at their Pine Street Public Works facility.

The new buses are costing UVM \$72,000 per bus, down from \$360,000 due to assistance from the grant money, which covers 80 percent of the cost.

By the fall of 2008, UVM's bus fleet will have six of the CNG buses and four of the modified school buses.

According to Decarreau, the new buses are also an upgrade in comfort from the modified school buses that currently dominate the UVM bus fleet.

"We can put 75 people in relative comfort in the new buses, which is about a 20 percent increase from the modified school buses," Decarreau said.

"The modified school buses caused disabled students to lose dignity as they had to be lifted up, they can get themselves onto the new buses by wheeling themselves up ramps," Decarreau said.

CNG buses differ from the diesel buses in that the fuel in the cleaner and in a gas state rather than liquid form.

"In terms of air pollution and breathing, it's definitely better," Thompson said.

According to Thompson, this is important since many of the buildings around campus pull in air for the buildings, with polluted air, the building's air is compromised.

"It [the CNG] comes from



One of the new CNG buses that will make up UVM's environmentally friendly fleet.

(Ian Jansen Lonquist/Vermont Cynic)

Canada, which is a more stable source of fuel than the Middle East," Decarreau said, illustrating other benefits to the new buses.

According to Thompson and Decarreau, the new CNG buses also have the potential for hydrogen, when the technology is developed, without needing a new engine. "The CNG buses could be hydrogen in the future," Thompson said.

"I don't know anybody else with CNG buses," Thompson said. "We're kinda taking the next step here at UVM."

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# St. Mikes' Students Want Cops Off Campus

**Students at the private catholic college feel rights are abused by local police**

By DIANA DIARBAKERLEY  
Staff Writer

Approximately one hundred St. Michael's College students gathered on their campus to demand respect for their constitutional rights.

The protesters would like the Colchester Police Department to be banned from campus, according to *The Burlington Free Press*.

The demonstration was followed by a forum. Protest organizers invited two lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to attend.

Protesters feel that the police are violating their civil rights, illegally searching property and forcing students to take breathalyzer tests without probable cause.

All protesters were of the legal drinking age.

"We were addressing search and seizure as well as privacy rights. We wanted to know our exact rights in the face of the police," Kelsey Stavseth, a St. Michael's College student who attended the demonstration, said.

According to *The Burlington Free Press*, Lieutenant Doug Allen, who attended the forum student's concerns, explained that police need a warrant to search any private property.

Allen said student's speculations that there has been an increase in police on campus are accurate.

It is due to an increase of incidents relating to alcohol abuse as well as safety concerns stemming from the murder of University of Vermont student Michelle Gardener-Quinn in October of last year.

Allen Gilbert, the executive director of the ACLU of Vermont, also attended the forum, explaining to students that police have the right to request identification or administer a breathalyzer test if a student is with someone who appears to be underage and intoxicated.

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Protesters want to make sure people understand that the sole purpose of the demonstration was not to remove police from campus, but for students to understand their rights at their private institution.

The demonstration has created a buzz around the St. Mike's campus.

In addition, dozens of bloggers have posted their opinions on *The Burlington Free Press* Web site.

One blogger explained

that he thought the protesters were simply being "bratty" college students, while other bloggers felt that students were simply fighting for their rights.

Some bloggers feel that the protest has been misconstrued.

"The issue is not drinking, it is not the ability to break the law. It is the rights enshrined in the constitution. The demands of the protest went well beyond decreased police presence."

While UVM is a public university where the law and rules are more clear-cut, many students feel that they are facing issues similar to those of St. Mike's College.

Eric Mintz, a junior at UVM said that he was once forcibly held inside a packed house for four hours by the police who were waiting for a warrant, but once they did not receive it demanded any underage students take a breathalyzer test.

"The police showed absolutely no care for the safety of the people inside the house or, for that matter, the safety of anyone else in the vicinity."

It was clear that their main objective was to charge someone with something.

Parties are not criminal. Underage drinking is an offense, but it would seem to me there are more pressing issues for the Burlington Police Department," Mintz said.

St. Mike's students gathered hundreds of stories like this around their own



(Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)

A Winooski Police vehicle parked on Saint Mike's campus

VS.



(Kensington Moore/Vermont Cynic)

Saint Mike's security vehicle

campus and read them at the protest.

Other UVM students have heard many other stories like this around campus, but have not experienced it for themselves.

"Students just need to know their rights. The police are constantly invading the living spaces of students without just cause," Sophomore Sam Daniels, said.

According to UVM Chief of Police, Gary Margolis, these statements are not accurate.

Chief Margolis explained that police act by

terms on the U.S. Constitution, federal law and Vermont law.

The majority of accusations of police violations against the police are violations of the fourth amendment, regarding search and seizure. Because of the complexities of this amendment and the law, students probably do not fully understand it.

Margolis suggests that students further research the law to understand their rights especially in the face of the police.

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## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

Corrections from Issue 20, February 27, 2007

•The article "Left-Right-Left" incorrectly identified Staff Sgt. Drew Cameron's status while a member of the U.S. military as Sgt. he is in fact Staff Sgt.

•Two weeks ago, *The Cynic* printed an article entitled "Singled Out?" The piece contained elements of non-objective reporting and was perceived by many as an attack on the Greek Life community here at UVM. *The Cynic* would like to extend it's most sincere apology to all those offended, or at all affected negatively, by the printing of this article. We constantly strive toward being a source of objective news and information, and as such we ask for your forgiveness as we continue to improve in our mission.



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## The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"My colleagues  
and I abhor the  
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ican dollars into  
a French-based  
firm when those  
dollars could be  
feeding our war-  
time economy,"

- Representative  
Jack Kingston,  
(R) Georgia, op-  
posing Sodexho's  
contract to feed  
the troops.



# Enriched Islam

Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

If the Bush administration is right, there is no greater threat in this world than an Islamic state enriching uranium. Never mind an AP report at the end of February detailing a suicide bomber dressed as a medical worker who blew herself up near 150 people at a hospital ribbon cutting ceremony in Afghanistan. These types of reports shouldn't detract our attention from the bigger picture. Whatever you do, believe that another invasion into a country that may or may not turn a nuclear program into platform to nuke America (Iran) won't lead to any blowback.

Take a moment to let the sarcasm sink in.

Every time we invade an Islamic country, or impose our politics onto the Middle East with a self-serving agenda, we are

simply making more enemies.

In a country that invented the term 'public relations,' it is absurd that we care so little about what the Middle East thinks of us. In Hollywood, this is what would be known as a "PR disaster."

The real threat to the world is not highly enriched uranium, but "the real danger is highly enriched Islam," Mammoun Fandy, director of the Middle East program at the International Institute for Strategic Studies wrote.

It's one thing to actively pursue the terrorists responsible for 9/11, but it is an entirely different thing to invade and occupy sovereign nations based upon a preemptive doctrine that is more vague than Britney Spears' thesis proposal on quantum physics.

Take a moment to let the sarcasm sink

in.

When we invade places like Iraq out of sheer American ignorant stubbornness, it infuses groups like Hezbollah and Al-Qaeda with massive PR victories that resonate throughout the Islamic world. This is why insurgents flood into Iraq to fight America from countries like Egypt and Syria.

Last time I checked 9/11 was not a nuclear attack on New York. It was much like the terrorist act on the hospital in Afghanistan. The next 9/11 will not be avoided by another half-assed occupation of a Middle Eastern country. Our only hope in avoiding further attacks on U.S. soil is to improve our PR with the Islamic world because the weapon of mass destruction that is the most dangerous to us now is an enriched Islam.

# Defining a Vermonter

Austin Danforth - Editor-in-Chief

We are at a point in history where our world is more interconnected than ever before, but also, quite peculiarly, our world is just as divided and disconnected as it has ever been. It is a sad situation, of which our beautiful, bucolic state is no exception.

For a state so high in social capital, with such deeply rooted democratic traditions as Town Meeting Day — providing the University with a day off, so all Vermonters can return home to participate in the democratic discourse — there is incredible discontent and disagreement over who is actually a Vermonter.

The whole premise is silly.

Anyone who has taken HST 184 knows this much: the original settlers of Vermont, roughly 250 years ago, settled on hilltops; the secondary wave of newcomers settled in the lowlands, near the rivers. This is the basis for the term "flatlander," a phrase commonly applied to any and all new arrivals to the Green Mountain State,

and the whole uphill-downhill debate.

Anyone who may not have taken HST 184 but is familiar with Vermont outside of Chittenden County knows this much is true: The dissension between natives and newcomers can be at once comical, mindless, poignant and frustrating.

Enough is enough.

Frankly, we are all Vermonters, whether we like it or not. The back-and-forth ranting and bickering in Vermont's daily editorial pages can cease; it is futile to prove how many generations your bloodline has ran through the state, and it is just as pointless to prove how much you have given back to the community in your 12 years, three months, two days, 17 hours and 31 minutes as a Vermont resident.

Yes, our state is stubborn and at times vestigial. Yes, our state can be ahead of the curve and oddly progressive. This is Vermont, plain and simple: quirky, irksome, cuddly and quaint.

It is this very dichotomy of values and traits that draws and retains such a varied and vocal populace. It is a rare, special place where one can find, in a grocery line, a farmer with an 11th grade education who produces electricity from farm waste standing beside a Connecticut-born super-liberal with a Ph.D. in philosophy who subsists off of solar power.

We all find ourselves in this state for different reasons, but, we are all inextricably linked because of the unique physical and cultural landscape on which we live.

It is time we all call ourselves Vermonters. Once we can appreciate each other as members of a special community, a special idea, we can move forward as a more cohesive community towards a better end and, possibly, become that guiding social light our nation so desperately needs.

# Letters to the Editor

## Spiro-Winn Wrong On Iraq

Jeremy Standish Spiro-Winn leaves out one important fact in his anti-American rant: The vast majority of killings in this war are being done by Islamo-fascist terrorists and criminal gangs, which far outweigh any death and destruction done by American and Coalition forces.

It is these groups, composed of both Sunnis and Shiites, supplied and trained by Al Qaeda, Syria, and Iran, that must be confronted and defeated by our troops. These troops are being sent defeatist, even treasonous signals from too many

back home, people like Jeremy.

Would he favor the victory of these terrorists in Iraq? I have never heard people like him say they want our forces to win over there, so that must be the case.

Everyone wants the troops to "come home", but unlike Jeremy, I want them to win first, and to be given whatever time and support is necessary to get the job done to achieve that victory.

JOHN LONG, BURLINGTON, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF VERMONT(PERV)

## Cynic Reporter Biased on Greek Coverage

I am once again disappointed with the portrayal of the Greek Community on our campus by one of your "reporters." I put this in quotes because the term should be used loosely in reference to Sam Palley, the most recent individual to write about Greek Life for your organization.

The "Singled Out" event was used to raise over \$550 for the Relay for Life, an event that has been fueled by Elyse Gambardella's passion for philanthropy. In conjunction with the Free to Be organization— one that Sam Palley seemingly had no interest in interviewing— the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils worked under Elyse's guidance to replicate a fun 1990s game show in the spirit of Sexual Awareness Week.

This article was offensive to many members of the Greek community, as words like "cultish" were used to describe those active members who took hours out of a school night to attend the event in support of their fellow brothers and sisters.

It was unnecessary for Palley to use such a negative tone for an event that many found entertaining and informative. In alliance with the Free to Be organization on campus, the event was made public as well as created a safe space for all students.

The supposed reporter, Palley, barely touched on

this aspect of the evening, one that we, the Greek community, were found to be an integral part of the event.

Not only was this event for a good cause, but we also had a great time doing it. Yes, many, if not most of the audience and participants were Greek, but that didn't mean that non-Greeks were not welcomed. I applaud my fellow Greeks for attending this event, raising awareness and donating their time and money to help the fight against cancer.

Philanthropy events at the University should be applauded and not criticized, no matter what group or organization puts them on.

I implore the editors and readers of this news organization to stop wasting valuable space in the paper with bitter diatribes from individuals who wish only to mock a philanthropic event when the time and efforts of Palley could have been used to promote the Relay for Life and offer links to the website for donations.

For those individuals who wish to be part of this wonderful cause, please go to the American Cancer Society's website and donate today! See also the Facebook group that offers information on how to register a team.

RYAN MARIE KILLOY, 2ND VP PANHELLENIC COUNCIL ALPHA CHI OMEGA

JERMEY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## Stale Opinions

Diversity in Vermont can be a hard thing to come by. The clearest picture of this can be seen in its dire lack of racial and ethnic minorities. Racial minorities are few and far between in Vermont, a fact that detracts from the cultural draw of a state where the sight of a person of a different skin color amidst a sea of white faces can feel, at times, like a twisted Where's Waldo.

But there are other, less noticeable, manifestations of this lack of diversity. One of these is the painfully narrow school of political and social thought here at the University.

One generally assumes that their neighbor is a Republican-hating Liberal just like themselves. And it is something of a scandal when one finds himself talking to a conservative, or (God forbid) a religious Christian.

There is a certain irony here. A liberal is supposed to cherish and embrace variety of opinion, and to enjoy debate that challenges many firmly-held beliefs. It is excruciatingly hard to come by here.

Last Wednesday, with the final meeting of the UVM Republicans, that task became a little bit harder.

Ultimately, the group's collapse— the direct cause of which was a lack of funding

to pay off a loan— will be attributed more significantly to lack of membership.



It's quite simply too difficult to convince many of the students here that, though you may be a Republican, your heart is not, in fact, made of coal.

The mere mention of the term "republican" tends to elicit gasps and groans from the population here at the University. Even before views are expressed, it is assumed that the Republican will hold absurd and illogical ideas, and far too often because of this, debate is stifled.

But conflicting ideas are essential to any school of thought. Debate helps define one's own platforms and ideals, and serves as exercise for a mind that can atrophy if left wasted and unused.

An unexercised thought can similarly lose its substance. When it becomes seemingly self-evident that liberalism or any other manner of thinking is the one right and true ideal, arguments cease, and the ideals of a philosophy may be lost.

We must therefore be constantly stimulated, or else we shall find ourselves unable to define even our most core beliefs.

## No Point to NASA

Why does NASA bend the walls of Space and Time with their sucktasticness?

I'll tell you why— they have no mission. Back in the trippy '60s they had a purpose. Beat the Russians to the moon or die trying. That was good, a little obsessive, but good. The American people supported NASA back then. They were heroes even, combating the cosmonauts in single combat with rockets and monkeys in shiny pajamas.

But after they trotted on the Moon five times— what then? Nothing.

NASA did absolutely nothing of any great interest for 15 years. The only real exploration that NASA tried out between the Apollo and space shuttle was freakin' Sky Lab, the biggest do'h move in history, as it crashed in the Australian outback.

After NASA finally got the space shuttle off the ground— which was in no way needed since the Saturn V series had a flawless record and was a hell of a lot cheaper— it exploded a mile up because of gross negligence on the part of their tired old administration staff.

Not to mention the fact that our heroic astronauts are starting to go crackers and

plan to kill their lover's lover while wearing a wig.

Here we are at least 15 years from returning to the moon and over 30 years away from Mars, the Bernal Spheres and O'Neil Cylinders are at least hundred years away, the International Space Station has gone way over budget, way over deadline and worst of all no one cares.

So few in the general public give a damn about space any more since, it seems so hopeless to put our faith in the bubbling fools at NASA. The only real hope for continued space exploration seems to lie in the hands of private enterprise with Burt Rutan and Virgin Galactic with their little SS1, that can make it to space and— unlike the shuttle— not blow up.

So here we are in 2007, and NASA has no goal, no aspirations and no support. And we who dream of space must put our hopes no longer in the inflexible government, but in a bunch of loonies out in the Californian desert with a dream, some money and a lot of free time.

BENJAMIN JOHNSON  
SIVLERMAN, CLASS OF 2010

JONATHAN MATTHIESSEN KYLE

## Please Sir, Can I Not Have Some More

Simply stated: the food on campus sucks.

Not only that, but the prices— in most cases— are brutally inflated.

I'm sorry, but \$1234 for a semester that lasts a shade over 15 weeks should be enough money to feed me three meals a day, seven days a week. Not here.

On top of that, I shouldn't have to strain myself to find produce that isn't mushy or wilted, or meat that is higher than grade F.

Bad food on campus is not an epidemic unique to UVM. In fact, it seems to be a pretty general consensus that food at most colleges is lousy. But does it really have to be that way?

For a school that prides itself on being progressive as well as socially and environmentally conscious, it seems somewhat hypocritical that UVM employs Sodexo, the biggest monopoly in the cafeteria food business.

I thought we at UVM were all about supporting local businesses and eating heady organic, free range, fair trade foods.

The Manor is the only UVM dining location that uses all local foods on its menu and it is only open for lunch and is intended more for the faculty and administration than for students.

Granted it would likely be more expensive for students if all on campus food was bought locally, but if it meant that I no longer dreaded going to get food every day, I for one would be willing to pay more.

As it is, buying food from Sodexo is far from a bargain, at least for us students.

A crappy bowl of macaroni and cheese from the Marche is more than five bucks.

Just a newsflash for anyone who wasn't already aware— we're all getting screwed and someone is making a serious profit.

Sodexo is clearly doing well for themselves, but if UVM is making money off their own students' need to eat, then that is a disgrace. Especially when many of us have no choice but to buy our food from them.

Students living on campus are required to buy a meal plan their first two years. If we don't have a choice outside of buying the campus food, we should have more say in what we're fed.

Personally, I'm a little tired of walking in circles at the dining halls trying to choose what looks the least unappealing of the food available.

Eating is one of life's great pleasures; it's time to make it pleasurable on campus.



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# Distractions

## College Gourmnet

### Town Meeting Blueberry Corn Muffins



1 cup all purpose flour  
1 cup yellow cornmeal  
1 tablespoon double-acting baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted and cooled  
1 large egg  
1/3 cup honey  
1/3 cup sugar  
3/4 cup milk  
2 cups picked over blueberries

In a bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt. In a small bowl whisk together butter, egg, honey, sugar and milk. Stir the butter mixture into the flour mixture, stirring until the batter is just combined, and fold in the blueberries. Divide the batter among 12 buttered 1/2-cup muffin tins, bake the muffins in the middle of a preheated 425° oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until they are golden and a tester comes out clean, and turn them out onto a rack.

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### Across

1- Move off hastily  
5- Unaware one  
9- Prescribed amounts  
14- Ripped  
15- Beige cousin  
16- Piece of music written for a solo instrument  
17- 6th month of the Jewish religious calendar  
18- Egyptian canal  
19- Expert  
20- Self-satisfied person  
22- Province in the SW Netherlands  
24- Bay  
26- Fall behind  
27- Dull  
30- Inflammation of the nose  
35- Of first importance  
36- Smoke deposit  
37- Swiss river  
38- Organ of hearing  
39- Narc  
42- Crow call  
43- Monetary unit of Cambodia  
45- Stringed instrument  
46- Join  
48- Resembling a goose  
50- Having grooves  
51- Diving bird  
52- Less common  
54- Bewhiskered  
58- Canoe trip job  
62- Isolated  
63- Taverns  
65- Russian range  
66- Back streets  
67- Encounter  
68- Tears  
69- Inactive  
70- Remain  
71- Facilitate

### Down

1- Pierce with a knife  
2- Conclusion  
3- Member of a largely Middle Eastern people  
4- Rare-earth metallic element  
5- Snuggle  
6- Sharp  
7- Strong feeling of anger  
8- Fluffy matter  
9- Put down  
10- Earache  
11- Capital of Fiji  
12- Paradise  
13- Transport, mail  
21- Atlas feature  
23- Best of a group  
25- Horse, at times  
27- Musical drama  
28- Central nervous system  
29- Wearies  
31- Gap  
32- Implied  
33- Angry  
34- Stitched  
36- Astound  
40- Similar  
41- Sovereign  
44- Apprentice  
47- Bring up  
49- Least polite  
50- Freezing  
53- Sleep issue  
54- Indonesian holiday resort  
55- Dash  
56- First-class  
57- Dulls  
59- Type of song, to be sung solo  
60- Openings  
61- Otherwise  
64- Can be used to catch fish or surf!

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# And the Streak Goes On

By AUSTIN DANFORTH

Editor-in-Chief

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### Game 1 - UVM vs. Hartford

After winning the first game of what head coach Mike Lonergan called "a two game tournament," the top seed Vermont Catamounts now find themselves halfway to the prize: one more game in Patrick Gym, with NCAA tournament hopes on the line.

Saturday's 81-62 win over the #8-seed Hartford Hawks puts Vermont (24-7, 16-1 America East) in the conference semifinals for the sixth straight year and increases their current winning to 12 games.

Once again, it was all about rebounding for the Catamounts as they out-rebounded the Hawks 47-23, with UVM senior Chris Holm pulling down 15 of his own.

"Rebounding starts with Chris, and he had 11 at the half — Colin [McIntosh] had 10 — we just did a tremendous job today," Lonergan said. "I give Colin credit — he had a monster game, not just points, but rebounds and follow-ups."

McIntosh did a tremendous job coming off of the bench against Hartford, scoring 17 points, and was one of four Catamounts to score in double figures.

Sophomore guard Mike Trimboli scored 21 points, going 5-6 from behind the 3-point arc, while freshman Marqus Blakely scored 14 points and Holm added 12.

The Catamounts came out firing on all cylinders against the Hawks, who came from behind to win Friday night against Stony Brook in the tournament's opening game. The fact that it was their second game in as many days was something Vermont was aiming to capitalize on from the get-go.

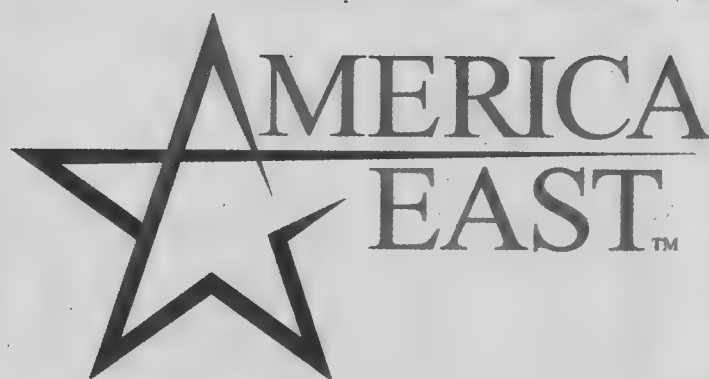
"We wanted to come out and attack right away," Trimboli said. "They played last night, so we knew they'd be tired."

The Cats played to their strengths, depth and size, early in the game and if not for the services of senior forward Bo Taylor, the Hawks' goose may have been cooked before the game hit the 10 minute mark.

Taylor scored nine of the Hawks first 11 points, finishing with a game-high 23.

Trying to stay with Vermont—who can go 10 to 11 deep into the roster on any night—the Hawks employed a zone defense in the first half and ended the half trailing 34-20.

Switching to a full court press early in the second half, Hartford managed to stay within 10 points of the lead with just over 11 minutes left, but the Cats maintained their superb perimeter defense and rebounding advantage, as well as the ace-in-the-hole, Trimboli.



(Above) Freshman Marqus Blakely (23) goes for a jumper in Saturday's matchup against the Hartford Hawks.  
(Left) America East Coach of the Year, Mike Lonergan, cheers on his team as they face UMBC.

Trimboli, the America East Fans' Choice Player of the Year, chipped in 11 points in the second half, but it was his decision making and game management that helped to allow Vermont to pull away for good with a 15-3 run starting at the seven-minute mark.

"I thought Mike [Trimboli] made a lot of good decisions in the second half," Lonergan said.

Jaret Von Rosenberg scored 13 points and Joe Zeglinski added 12 for Hart-

ford, who finished their season with a 13-18 record.

### Game 2 - UVM vs. UMBC

UMBC wouldn't go down— not without a fight— but Vermont was up to the task.

Led by the heady backcourt duo of sophomore Mike Trimboli and junior Kyle Cieplicki, as well as a commanding performance from senior forward Chris Holm, the Catamounts managed to fend off the Retrievers, 72-63, in Sunday's

America East semifinal.

In doing so, Vermont (25-6, 17-1) secured their fifth straight trip to the conference final, one shy of the conference record held by Boston University and Drexel. The Catamounts will face Albany this Saturday—the second straight time the two squads have met in the championship game.

The Catamounts 13 straight win tied a UVM single-season record (25) and was their 20 in their last 21 games. Trimboli

led the Cats with 20 points and six assists, while Holm scored 18 and dominated the glass with 15 boards for the third straight game.

However, it was Cieplicki's play (12 points) on both ends that proved to be crucial, and only cemented his role as the "glue guy" on the squad— hitting key shots and once again shutting down the opponent's best player.

Like the recipe for many of those previous victories, the many of the ingredients were the same: rebounding supremacy, solid defense and timely scoring.

For much of the first half, two of the three ingredients were in short supply.

UMBC came out red-hot from 3-point land, going 5-8, a far cry from the Cats' performance a day earlier when they held Hartford to a meager 1-16.

"Our game plan was to limit their threes and we didn't get off to a good start," Vermont head coach Mike Lonergan said.

The Retrievers' hot hands, combined with several Vermont misses from close range, helped them to a 29-28 lead with two minutes to play in the first half— right when the Vermont emerged from the doldrums.

"When stuff doesn't go down you can't let it get to you," Holm said. "We couldn't focus on the bad things."

After going scoreless for six minutes, the Catamounts finished the last two minutes of the half with a 7-0 flurry, which included a free throw by Holm and threes by both Cieplicki and Trimboli.

Trimboli's three sent his team into halftime with an exclamation point, draining a deep 3-pointer off the glass as the buzzer sounded to give UVM a 35-29 lead.

"We were fortunate to get those two threes in the last minute," Cieplicki said. "That was big."

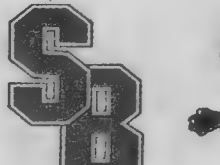
The Catamounts carried that momentum into the second half, but UMBC wasn't ready to pack it in.

UMBC senior forward Mike Housman kept the Retrievers' hopes alive with 16 second half points and helped bring them within three points, 58-55, with 4:38 to play. That was as close as they would get to the title game.

Cieplicki, Trimboli and Holm combined for 10 of the Catamounts' last 12 points, controlling the flow of the game on both ends, and displaying a level of maturity that didn't exist last year; A level of maturity that is evident in their 13 straight wins.

"I've never had a team so mature in my 14 years as a head coach," Lonergan said. "I'm very happy for our players because they earned it. It's about our team right now."

Saturday's contest against Albany (and reigning two-time America East Player of the Year Jamar Wilson) will be aired on ESPN2 at 12 p.m.





## Good Week Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell

A column by *The Cynic Sports Staff*

Good week for Boston newbie  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

Two innings. One hit. No runs. 25 pitches. 19 strikes. Not a bad spring training debut for Daisuke Matsuzaka, the 26-year-old prized pitching import for the Boston Red Sox. Sure, it may have come against baby-faced student-athletes from Boston College, but Dice-K's lights-out performance represents yet another successful step in his glamorous acceptance into Red Sox Nation.

Modestly humble and eternally pleasant, Dice-K has passed every test thus far with flying colors. He has already won the heart of Sox Nation by carrying Jason Varitek's bag of catching equipment on his first day with the team. He poses for pictures, signs autographs and smiles like a Little Leaguer falling in love with the game for the very first time. It may only be March 3, but the \$103 million man from the Land of the Rising Sun has a 0.00 era and all of Red Sox Nation drooling over the possibilities in 2007. Just wait until he unleashes the gyroball.

Good week for NFL draftees  
By NICK DECARO

Clear winners of this draft included Calvin Johnson, Leon Hall, LaRon Landry, Joe Thomas, Jason Hill and Chris Henry.

While Johnson already was a top prospect, his blistering 4.35 40 qualifies him as the best athlete in this draft.

Leon Hall, LaRon Landry and Joe Thomas solidified their holds as the top players at their positions, cornerback, safety and offensive tackle respectively.

Jason Hill, a wide receiver ran an incredible 4.32 40 yard dash, and his rap coming into the combine was that he didn't have speed.

Chris Henry came out of nowhere with a 4.40 40 yard dash and his stock rose the most over the weekend.

Bad week for knee joints  
By KAT WILLIAMS

What could be worse than the possibility of Dwyane Wade being out for the rest of the season? Thanks to Shaun Livingston, that question has been answered. Last Monday, the Clippers' point guard tore three of the four ligaments in his left knee.

Along with the three main ligament tears, he dislocated his patella and tore his lateral meniscus. Fortunately, he didn't tear any arteries or damage any nerves, but with no working ACL, MCL and PCL to stabilize his knee, Livingston is estimated to be out for eight months to a year. With the possibility of missing the next NBA season, Shaun Livingston certainly had a bad week.

Good week for NFL goons  
By CORY WILLIAMS

Georges Laraque, LW. The NHL's most infamous goon, who went from perennial loser Phoenix to Pittsburgh, a team with young superstars in need of protection. His presence only adds to the triple threat of Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Jordan Staal as well.

Bad week for crying in public

Ryan Smyth, LW. Traded from Edmonton, a team he spent his entire 12-year career with, to the New York Islanders, a team with Cup aspirations. Smyth didn't take the news well, publicly weeping at a press conference before his plane took off for Long Island.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Cross had 12 points, five assists, four steals and no turnovers in the game. Cross put the Catamounts ahead for good with a pair of free throws with 4:07 left, 60-59.

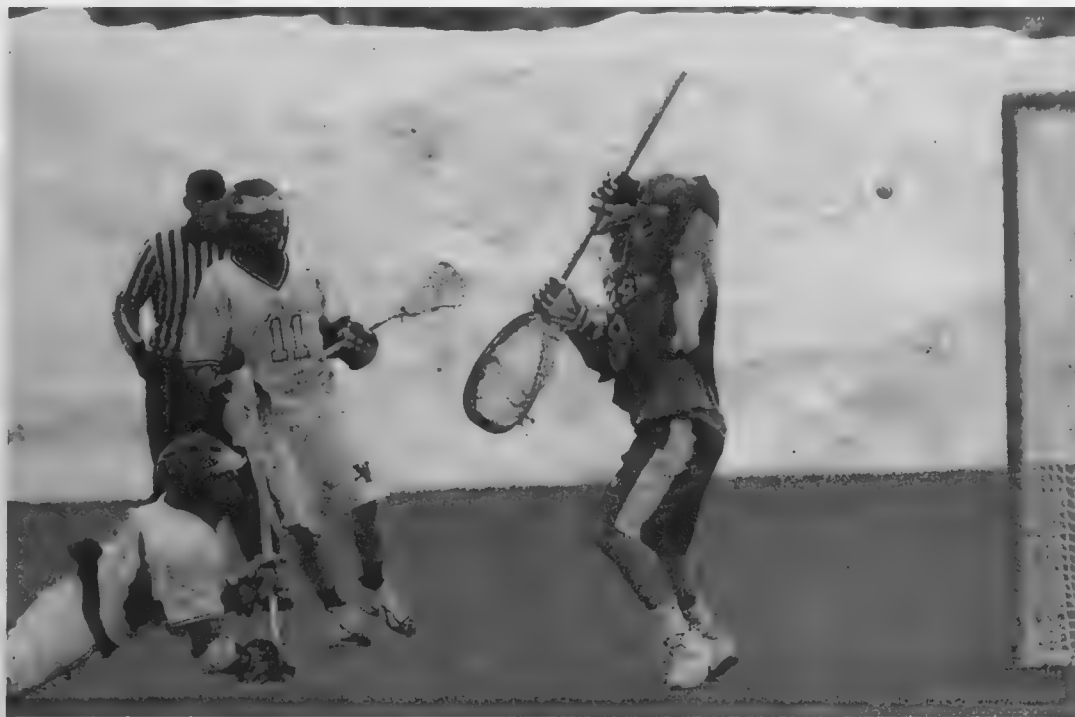
Sophomore Amy Rosenkrantz added nine points and three rebounds.

With the win Vermont improves to 18-11 on the season, 8-8 in America East play and locked up the #3 seed in the conference tournament. "We are thrilled to finish in third place," said Dawley.

"It's a great spot for us and a tremendous accomplishment given how young we are and the kind of peaks and valleys we traveled through to this point."

Albany drops to 8-21, 4-12 in America East; they are the #8 seed.

The Catamounts will play next Friday, March 9 in the semifinals of the America East conference tournament.



(Mikes Jones/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Andrew Holden (16) makes a diving shot in men's lacrosse's victory over Marist College on Saturday. Holden recorded three goals and one assist in the contest.

## LACROSSE

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against Massachusetts on Feb. 28.

The Lady Cats fell to Canisius 13-10 on Saturday, March 3 against Canisius.

"We had our opportunities today, but didn't completely

execute our game plan," said Vermont head coach Jen Johnson. Women's lacrosse has a home game on Wednesday, March 7 at 3 p.m. against Siena.

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## THIS WEEK AT UVM (2.27-3.5)

Wednesday (3.7)

Skiing @ NCAA Ski Championships  
Women's Lacrosse vs. Siena (3p.m.)

Thursday (3.8)

Skiing @ NCAA Ski Championships  
Women's Basketball @ A-East Women's Basketball Championships

Friday (3.9)

Men's Hockey @ Hockey East Playoffs  
Skiing @ NCAA Ski Championships  
Women's Basketball @ A-East Women's Basketball Championships

Saturday (3.10)

Men's Hockey @ Hockey East Playoffs  
Skiing @ NCAA Ski Championships  
Women's Basketball @ A-East Women's Basketball Championships  
Men's Basketball @ A-East Championships  
Baseball @ IPFW (10a.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Canisius (12p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse @ St. Bonaventure (4p.m.)

Sunday (3.11)

Men's Hockey @ Hockey East Playoffs  
Women's Basketball @ A-East Women's Basketball Championships  
Baseball @ Valparaiso (10a.m.)  
Softball @ George Washington (10a.m.)  
Baseball @ Akron (2:30p.m.)  
Softball @ Colgate (3p.m.)

## SNOW REPORT (3.6-3.12)

Tuesday (3.6)

Flurries/wind  
4°-3°

Wednesday (3.7)

Partly cloudy  
8°-10°

Thursday (3.8)

Partly cloudy  
25°-21°

Friday (3.9)

Few snow showers  
37°-32°

Saturday (3.10)

Cloudy  
36°-25°

Sunday (3.11)

Showers  
35°-19°

Monday (3.12)

Mostly cloudy  
34°-29°

## LAST WEEK (2.28-3.4)

## Men's Basketball

23-6 (15-1 A-East)

vs. Hartford (3.3)

UVM

Hartford

vs. UMBC (3.4)

UVM

UMBC

## Women's Basketball

18-11 (8-8 A-East)

@ New Hampshire (2.28)

UVM

Binghamton

vs. Albany (3.3)

UVM

Albany

## Men's Hockey

17-14-5 (12-10-5 Hockey East)

vs. UMass-Lowell (3.2)

UVM

Umass-Lowell

vs. UMass-Lowell (3.3)

UVM

Umass-Lowell

## Women's Lacrosse

0-2 (0-0 A-East)

vs. UMass (2.28)

UVM

Umass

@ Canisius (3.3)

UVM

Canisius

## Men's Lacrosse

2-1 (0-0 A-East)

vs. Marist (3.3)

UVM

Marist

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

## A-East Men's Basketball

1. Vermont	25-6 (15-1)
2. Albany	21-9 (13-3)
3. Boston U.	12-17 (8-8)
4. Maine	12-18 (7-9)
5. UMBC	12-19 (7-9)
6. Binghamton	13-16 (6-10)
7. Hartford	13-18 (6-10)
8. New Hampshire	10-20 (6-10)
9. Stony Brook	9-20 (4-12)

## A-East Women's Basketball

1. Hartford	22-7 (15-1)
2. Stony Brook	18-10 (14-2)
3. Vermont	18-11 (8-8)
4. Boston U.	15-14 (7-9)
5. Maine	13-14 (7-9)
6. Binghamton	11-18 (7-9)
7. UMBC	13-16 (6-10)
8. New Hampshire	9-19 (4-12)
9. Albany	8-21 (4-12)

## Hockey East Men's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	18-7-2 (38 pts)
2. Boston Coll.	18-8-1 (37 pts)
3. Boston U.	13-6-8 (34 pts)
4. UMass	15-9-3 (33 pts)
5. Maine	14-12-1 (29 pts)
6. Vermont	12-10-5 (29 pts)
7. Northeastern	9-13-5 (23 pts)
8. Providence	9-15-3 (21 pts)
9. UMass Lowell	7-16-4 (18 pts)
10. Merrimack	3-22-2 (8 pts)

## Hockey East Women's Hockey

1. New Hampshire	18-1-2 (38 pts)
2. Boston Coll.	15-6-0 (30 pts)
3. Providence	12-6-3 (27 pts)
4. Connecticut	12-7-2 (26 pts)
5. Boston U.	10-9-2 (22 pts)
6. Maine	5-14-2 (12 pts)
7. Northeastern	4-15-2 (10 pts)
8. Vermont	1-19-1 (3 pts)



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## On to the Finals

Honestly I feel like I'm standing in the middle of the 14th fairway at Ekwanok Country Club. No, I'm not trying to figure the yardage, wind and how to break it to my golfer that they don't need an 8-iron, but that a 9-iron will suffice.

Instead, sitting in the middle of the mid-term squall, I am reflecting on the past week in America East basketball.

For starters, the outcome of the conference tournament came as no surprise.

In a top-heavy league, the two best teams prevailed, surviving the weekend and earning a shot at an NCAA tournament berth.

The prospect of UVM-Albany, Part II was not a foregone conclusion when the playoffs began Friday night, but the odds were certainly in its favor.

The Great Danes and the Catamounts weren't just the only 20-plus win teams in the conference — they were the only teams in America East with overall winning records.

A rematch of last year's conference championship game, this year's edition should be a much better game. This year Albany isn't playing the youngest team in the country, but they are playing possibly the hottest team in the country, as the Cats collected their 13th straight win on Sunday against UMBC.

Saturday's game at Patrick Gym will also feature the three best players in the league this season in Albany's Jamar Wilson, and Vermont's duo of Chris Holm and Mike Trimboli.

Last Friday, Wilson was named conference Player of the Year for the second year in a row, edging out Trimboli who had a phenomenal closing stretch to the year, guiding his team to wins in 18 of their last 19 regular season games.

After watching Trimboli play all season and then watching him take his game to another level in Boston this past weekend, I'm left thinking (knowing, really) he was in fact the best player this season.

And I have yet to get to Holm, Mr. Double-Double, who is second in the nation in rebounding and a big reason why Vermont led the nation in rebounding margin.

Just how good has Holm been to close the season? In his last three games he is averaging 15.6 points and 15 rebounds per game.

Anyone who wants to chime in with the standard Wayne's World "We're not worthy!" kowtowing; please feel free to do so.

If it's any consolation, both Catamounts were named to the America East All-Conference First Team — and, as a corollary of sorts, had freshman sensation Joe Trapani not missed most of the second half of the season with a broken foot, he would've in all likelihood been named rookie of the year.

Ultimately, what UVM-Albany Part II may come down to is the bench — coaches and players.

If this is the case, the Cats are sitting pretty with a roster that can go 11 deep and a certain head coach who was recently named, and he earned it, America East Coach of the Year.

Regardless, it should certainly be fun to watch. It usually is when ESPN rolls into town.

## HOCKEY

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sophomore Dean Strong, was his fifth of the season and first since Dec. 30.

UMass-Lowell scored the eventual game winner at 8:50 of the second stanza.

Receiving a centering pass from sophomore Mark Roebathan, freshman Kory Falite buried a backhand by Fallon for his team leading 10 goals.

Despite being berated by Catamount student chants of "Amherst rejects," the disciplined River Hawks would kill a key Vermont power play early in the third period to solidify their one goal lead.

With just a minute remaining, the Cats pulled Fallon in favor of an extra attacker but Hutton stood tallest, finishing with 29 saves.

"I thought we had some very poor leadership from our veteran players tonight and that starts from the net out," Cats head coach Kevin Sneddon said.

"We had a bunch of freshmen looking for answers; they played well and didn't have anybody to look up to tonight."

In Saturday night's rematch, Gutterson Fieldhouse's 57 consecutive sell-out crowd celebrated Senior Night by saluting final year players Tom Collingham, Andy Corran, Art Femenella, Ryan Gunderson, Kenny Macaulay, Chris Myers, Dan Owens, and Evan Stoflet.

Paced by second period goals from junior assistant captain Mark Lutz, sophomore Peter Lenes and freshman Brian Roloff, the Cats tied the River Hawks 3-3.

Freshman Mike Spillane finished with 16 saves.

With the tie, the Cats wrap up the 06-07 regular season with a 17-14-5 overall record.

With their 12-10-5 record in Hockey East, Vermont finishes in sixth place and will travel to #3 Boston University.



(Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Corey Carlson (13) skates up the ice to set up a pass for junior assistant captain Mark Lutz in Saturday night's game. Carlson and senior co-captain Kenny Macaulay assisted in Lutz's goal in Saturday's contest.

The Hockey East best of three quarterfinal series begins at 7 p.m. on March 8 at Agganis Arena.

"This is when it gets fun. We are where we are in the standings and we can't do

anything about it," Sneddon said. "We have an opportunity now to go back to BU and try to do what we did last Saturday night."

"It's going to be great hockey and we're excited

about it; that's why we play the game. We can't worry about what we did in the regular season now — it's a whole new season."





# Lacrosse Opens Seasons

Both the men's and women's lacrosse teams played their home openers, downing Marist and falling to UMass, respectively

By CORY WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

In their home opener, the UVM Catamounts were able to put away the Marist College Red Foxes 13-9 in Men's Lacrosse action Saturday afternoon at Moulton Winder Field.

Pacing the Cats (2-1) was senior Dan Zwirko, who scored a game-high four goals.

UVM started the game with a heavy offensive attack.

Sophomore Alex Young found Zwirko in front of the Marist net to make the score 1-0 Vermont.

Junior Andrew Holden made it 2-0 with a slick spin move, enabling him to go airborne and put the ball past Marist goalkeeper Ryan Penner.

Marist (0-2) pulled within one goal when Lou Aboyoun put it past senior goalkeeper Daryl Swarts.

Senior Sean Layton scored his first goal of the game with 3:35 left in the first quarter and freshman Brandon Goodwyn added another to make it 4-1.

The Red Foxes' Keith Detelj made it 4-2, but was quickly answered by Zwirko, making the lead three again.

With the score 5-3 and a one man advantage for UVM, Marist midfielder Jim Wiederhold was caught looking the wrong way as he ran upfield.

Layton then proceeded to unload an impressive defensive hit on the unsuspecting Red Fox, who quickly found himself on the turf.

"I was hoping he would get the ball, and he didn't see me coming," Layton said. "I put him on his [butt], and it felt great."

The Catamount bench appreciated the hit, and erupted in cheer for the high-scoring midfielder.

By halftime, UVM held a 7-4 lead, with Zwirko and junior Gordon Holden contributing goals.

In the second half, senior Pete Hein scored a minute in to add to the lead.

Sophomore Andrew Kelleher fed a pass across the front of the crease to freshman Ryan Gillette, who scored the first goal of his collegiate career in the fourth quarter.

Andrew Holden, Young and Layton also scored in the second half for the Catamounts.

With the score 12-6 and less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Marist mounted a comeback, scoring three goals in a three minute span to pull the score to 12-9.

Zwirko scored again, this time with 5:2 seconds remaining in the game, to finalize the score at 13-9.

Men's Lacrosse plays two home games this week, Tuesday, March 6 at 2 p.m. against Holy Cross, and Saturday, March 10 at 12 p.m. against Canisius.

"For my senior year, I want to have a winning season," Layton said.

"I definitely want to make the America East tournament, and even the NCAA tournament. Surpassing the UVM school record for victories is also a big goal."

The UVM women's lacrosse team lost to Canisius 13-10 in Buffalo, NY on Saturday afternoon.

The women's team fell to 0-2 on the season, with their first loss coming

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# Back to Burlington



Senior Chris Holm dominates under the net in Sunday's game against the UMBC Retrievers. Holm and the Catamounts return to action Saturday March 10 at Patrick Gymnasium.

(Dennis Robillard/Vermont Cynic)

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# Women's Basketball Downs Albany

After 18 lead changes and 12 ties, the Cats defeat the Great Danes 65-61 on Senior Day

By NICK DECARO

Staff Writer

The Vermont Catamount women's basketball team won its final home game of the season Saturday, defeating Albany 65-61.

Senior co-captains Brittney Cross and Alison Brown were honored before their final home game and the players reflected on their careers.

"My time here at Vermont has been nothing short of amazing!" Cross said. "I am so grateful for this opportunity to be a part of the Catamount family and I would not have traded it for anything!"

"The memories that I have made here are some that I would never trade," Brown said. "I have grown so much from when I got here four years ago, hopefully into a better person."

Brown made her first career start on Senior day and fittingly scored

the first basket of the game, and also added two rebounds.

The game was back and forth throughout the first half - neither team was ahead by more than four points.

Vermont was led by freshman May Kotsopoulos, who scored 16 of her 19 points in the opening half and also contributed on the defensive end with four steals.

"Today, May was outstanding for us. She continues to be solid on the defensive end of the floor, but today she was equally as good on the offensive end," head coach Sharon Dawley said.

The game went into the half tied at 37. Albany came out hot to start the second half and grabbed a six point lead.

The Great Danes had four players in double figures on that day.

There were 18 lead changes and 12 ties in this tight contest, and a key to Vermont's victory down the stretch was the senior leadership of Cross.

# Senior Weekend Letdown

Men's Hockey unable to ice visiting UMass-Lowell in final contests of the season

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Staff Writer

On a snowy Friday evening, the University of Vermont men's ice hockey team opened Senior Weekend by dropping a 2-1 decision to the suffocating defense and opportunistic scoring of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Despite outshooting the River Hawks 30-20, the Cats were unable to solve freshman goaltender Carter Hutton, who made just his first start in two months.

Sophomore Peter Lenes scored the lone Catamount goal in a contest which produced only one power play for either team and took just under two hours to finish.

In front of Gutterson Fieldhouse's 56 consecutive sell out crowd, Vermont fell to 17-14-4 (12-10-4 Hockey East) on the season.

The River Hawks quickly jumped out to a 1-0 advantage just 26 seconds into the affair.

Leading on odd-man break, Jason Tejchma shielded off a Cat defender and feathered a perfect cross-ice, backhanded feed to fellow senior co-captain Jeremy Hall.

Uncovered in the slot, Hall beat Cats' goalkeeper Joe Fallon high, blocker side for his eighth tally of the year.

After tempers flared and bone-crushing checks increased, the Cats clawed back to tie the score at 13:12 of the first.

Parked behind Hutton's net, junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell muscled off multiple defenders and fed a streaking Lenes out front.

Lenes unleashed a wicked one-timer high, glove side past a helpless Hutton.

Lenes's strike, also assisted by

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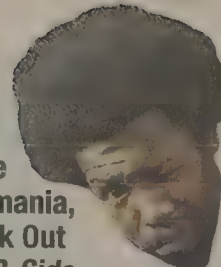


(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Sy Janousek (25) goes for a layup in Saturday's win against Albany.

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## Signs for Change



Protesters marched to Church Street Saturday morning in objection to the ongoing Iraq War, with several speakers addressing the crowd on issues ranging from an end to the war to education and to impeachment. While not all agreed with the hard-line rhetoric, all shared one stance. (Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/The Vermont Cynic)

## College Republicans Shut Down

Group's club status is revoked after defaulting on a loan

By ALISON STOUT

Cynic Correspondent

The College Republicans club was de-recognized by the Student Government Association (SGA) on Tuesday, after failing to repay year-old debts.

The group owed \$6,548 from a \$7,000 loan they took out in Oct. 2005. The loan was initially taken out in order to pay Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to speak at UVM.

When the club failed to pay at the first deadline in Nov. 2005, their account was frozen and they were reminded of the consequences if they were unable to pay. The club proceeded to ask for two more separate deadline extensions, and was given one in Dec. and one in Feb.

The group owed \$6,548 from a \$7,000 loan they took out in October of 2005.

## Who's Fit to Fill the Presidency?

Candidates meet in Memorial Lounge for a pre-election debate

By JAMES TURITTO

Staff Writer

As temperatures outside reached the 50s and melted the snow, temperatures inside Waterman Memorial Lounge last Thursday night heated-up for the Student Government Association Presidential Debate. Moderated by Renee Lariviere, the Secretary of Elections, the debate took place just five days before the elections.

The highly contested debate illustrated the strength and diversity of this year's candidates, who include Adam Crawford, Scott McCarty, Nick Meltzer, Lydia Morin, Ross Nizlek, Kesha Ram, and Christina Wehry. This Tuesday and Wednesday the student body will vote for one of these

seven candidates to replace Seth Bowden as SGA President.

Lariviere commented about the race, "I am excited about the range of candidates this year. The campaigns so far have been very competitive. Candidates have been canvassing across campus, walking door-to-door and using Facebook to get their message out" Lariviere commented.

The slate of questions Lariviere asked was contributed to from concerned students and several SGA Senators. Issues focused around the problems our campus has faced this past year.

One issue all the candidates agreed must be addressed next year is the administration's current dry dorm alcohol policy, which, Nizlek said, was "extraordinarily rushed." While all candidates believed that reform must be made, each one offered a different solution.

"It was an extreme solution to an extreme problem," exclaimed Ram. Alcohol education is what the school's administrators should be encouraging, emphasized Ram, Wehry and McCarty.



SGA presidential hopeful Kesha Ram addresses the audience at the debate held on Thursday March 22, while one of her opponenets, Lydia Morin, looks on. (Thomas Ford-Hutchinson/Vermont Cynic)

According to the College Republicans president, senior Heather Baldyga, the club had been warned twice of a possible de-recognition should they fail to repay their loan.

Now that the club has been de-recognized SGA will repossess their budget, which will cover the debt the College Republicans owe, according to senior Jessica Banks, SGA treasurer.

If the club is re-recognized it will be on their own terms, and financially "they'll be back at ground zero," said Banks. They will be treated like any other new club.

College Republicans expected the profits from Newt Gingrich's presentation to help cover the loan, but there was a smaller turnout than they had expected.

"We were not able to pay back SGA because there was little or no effort to fundraise in the past few semesters. It is also difficult to fundraise for a Republican organization around here, because we don't have many fans in this area," Baldyga said.

The de-recognition did not come as a big surprise to Baldyga. "I was aware that we would more than likely be de-recognized some point during the semester," she said.

The club is one of the first in recent years to be de-recognized, Banks said.

"It is upsetting because alum-

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# Meet Your Candidates

Compiled by William D. Sedlack  
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## The Questions



**Scott McCarty**

McCarty is a junior. He is a SGA senator, and chairs the Legislative Action Committee. McCarty is a RA on Redstone campus.



**Lydia Morin**

Lydia is a junior. She was a TREK leader and is active in the UVM tennis league. Lydia is a senator on the Legislative Action Committee.

**1 What is your number one issue if you are elected to office?**

I will make student safety and town-gown relations the centerpiece of our administration. As we go door to door, this is the number one issue we are hearing from students. Lighting on city streets and keeping our residence halls safe is a big part of this. We will also fully implement the Student Safety Awareness Month that we ushered through the senate. We encourage students to visit our web site at <http://www.mccartymazer.org> for more information.

The more students I talk to, the more I realize that all student interests and rights need to be protected. If you check out my platform on the SGA web site, I think you'll see that this very broad issue is reflected in a number of the important concerns that I have and that I share with the majority of students.

**2 What experiences here at UVM do you feel qualify you for holding the office of SGA president?**

I serve as chair of the Legislative Action Committee(COLA). Our ability to work well with others and our leadership capability is critical in this election because, unlike our opponents, we have the leadership experience to back up our ideas. I also serve as an RA in Wing-Davis-Wilks, serve on the UVM-Burlington Policy Committee and I am active in the Community Coalition.

My diverse and student experience both as a leader and participant in clubs and activities such as Leadership TREK(both), UVM tennis league, Next Step & Alternative Spring Break(participant), CAB(chair). I think another important factor is that I've spent time just hanging out in the dorms and going downtown meeting so many of the great people who are part of UVM, who aren't overly involved in school activities, but have a lot of cool non-school things going on.

**3 In what ways do you feel being active in student government is beneficial to yourself and the University?**

I love talking about policy and getting involved in the process. I love getting my hands dirty and getting to work. When we're not doing something constructive, then we feel like we're not doing enough. Student government gives us an opportunity to do this and give back to the UVM and Burlington communities. We understand the importance of student input on issues and we will be your voice.

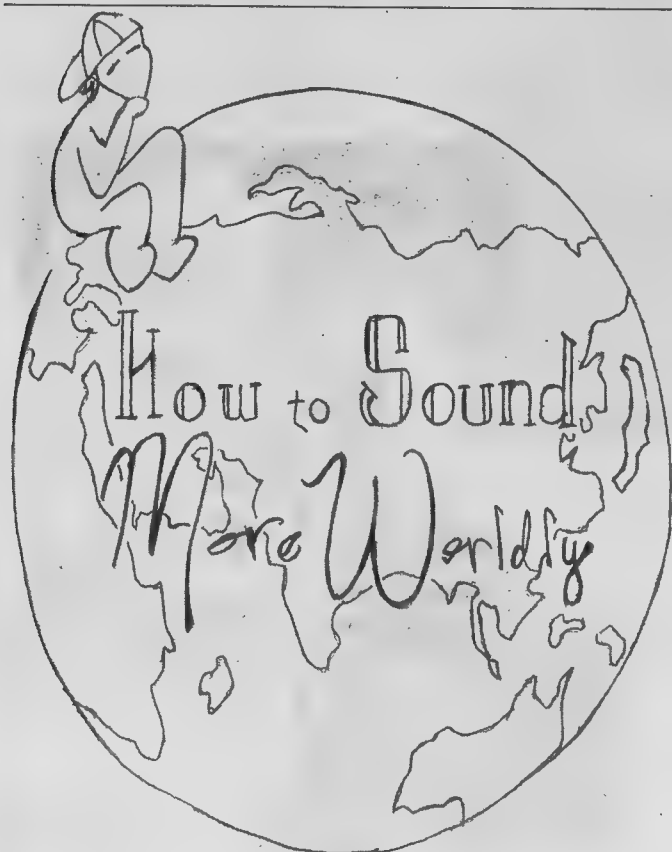
Last fall, I became really concerned with the accessibility of the late-night shuttle. When I lived on campus, I appreciated this bus so much and I know that on-campus students still do. I've been doing a lot of behind the scenes work on hopefully making the late-night something that everyone can use and respect. That means going to meetings and making sure the student needs are met and their rights are protected.

**4 What should we do with the bus on weekend nights to deal with some of the problems?**

My committee has taken a lead on this. COLA and the rest of SGA had a Have-a-Heart on Wheels event in which students passed out chocolate hearts at bus stops and talked about bus safety and concerns that people had about it. We need to continue to raise awareness as opposed to attacking students, add another bus to the schedule to reduce the volume of students in the buses and change the route so more students can take the bus.

The behavior on the bus has gotten a bit too rambunctious, there are the few that are simply out of control. We need to remind the riders that student safety and bus driver's is compromised when windows are being smashed. One thing that I've been working on is making it easier to take the bus back up by putting bus stop signs with times so that students won't be chasing it and falling over snow banks to get it.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • British Troops Seized By Iranian Forces

Fifteen British naval troops were seized by Iranian forces while conducting an inspection in the Persian Gulf. The incident added to the tension between Iran and the U.S. concerning a nuclear program in Iran and the country's possible aid to insurgents in Iraq. Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair said the seizure was "unjustified and wrong" and that it took place in Iraqi waters.

### • House Votes to Set Date for Iraq Withdrawal

Passing the House by a vote of 218 to 212, the legislation was approved as part of a \$124 billion emergency war-spending request from the White House meant to pay for the military's operations in Iraq and Afghanistan over the next six-month period in 2006.

### • "No Impact" Lifestyle Experiment Hopes to Make Impact

Colin Beaven and his wife Michelle Conlin are four months into a year-long environmental lifestyle experiment, which they refer to as "No Impact," involving only eating and purchasing local organic food, producing no trash (except compost) and not using paper (even that of the toilet variation) or carbon-fueled transportation team, citing his sentiment that members of the team were not impartial.

### • U.S. Attorneys' Firings Under Fire

The Senate Judiciary Committee requested and obtained five subpoenas including one for Karl Rove to testify under oath in the investigation concerning the firing of eight federal prosecutors last year.

### • Dogg Denied Visa

Snoop Dogg, who has European tour dates set to begin Tuesday with Sean "Diddy" Combs, was denied a visa to enter Britain. Dogg was arrested last year for a disturbance at Heathrow airport in London and earlier this month by Stockholm police for suspected narcotics use.

### • Edward's Wife's Cancer Returns

On Thursday, March 22, the N.C. Democrat and presidential hopeful John Edwards, announced that his wife's cancer has returned but that his presidential bid shall non-the-less continue. Elizabeth Edwards is currently diagnosed with stage four breast cancer, meaning the cancer has progressed beyond her breast, in her case, to her bones.

**Students will choose their new Student Government Administration on Wednesday. The Cynic offers you a brief overview of the views that each of the Presidential candidate holds. Two candidates, Nick Meltzer and Ross Nizlek did not respond to The Cynic's questionnaire.**



**Adam Crawford**

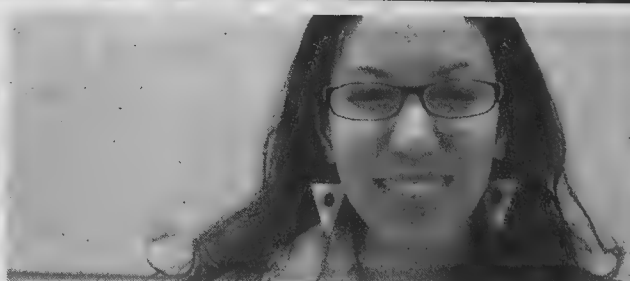
**Crawford is a junior, and an SGA senator. He is the President of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, and is involved in DREAM.**

I'd like to see visual changes to this University, more trees around campus, solar panels, another windower, and at least one sidewalk sweeper for every five plows or so to clear the walk when the snow melts and to recope all that damn salt that is killing the lake, destroying the water table, and could be reused next winter.

Being the president to me is about being as knowledgeable about issues as possible, since I've been at UVM I've been on the crew team, in a play, a president of a fraternity, a lifeguard, in trouble with Res Life, in the senate, a mentor in the DREAM program, a math tutor, a neighborhood liaison, I've lived here for a summer, I've been hunting and I milked cows. The last three experiences are ones that especially connect me to the community as well as Vermont.

Being active has helped keep me informed about the issues that matter most to students. I think I have benefitted the university because they have almost \$100,000 of my family's money and are ensured at least another \$15000. Who's to say I wouldn't have gone here if not for the senate? But I am certainly more attuned to my classes as a result and a much bigger contribution to this school as well.

More buses is a great solution. High densities of students cause frustration within students especially those who are not being granted entrance to the bus. Frustration leads to negative talk which leads to negative actions. In this equation, reducing the density of students is the best solution and the more buses we have running more frequently, the less we will have people complaining about not being allowed on.



**Kesha Ram**

**Ram is a junior. She is a SGA senator, an activist with many groups throughout campus and is a recent recipient of the Truman Scholarship.**

It's a draw: diversity and the environment are collectively my number one issue. By addressing these concerns through SGA, we can enfranchise more passionate students and better match the goals of UVM as a whole. As a leader in the creation of the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics, I am confident that we can hit the ground running next year.

In my two years in SGA, I have served on the Academic Affairs and Livable Wage Committees and was also chair of the Environmental Subcommittee. I have had much interaction with administrators through my service on the Presidential Commission on Racial Diversity and the Davis Center Advisory Board. I have also addressed student needs as founder of the Honors College Diversity Task Force and captain of the Eco-Reps Program.

It gives me great pleasure to serve the student body for those who may otherwise be voiceless in the debate. I have had the great fortune of seeing how my actions in SGA touch the lives of other students on creating an international student seat so that segment of the student body, which has deep concerns, but no outlet for redress, can add to the collective decision-making process.

Because it is such a complex problem confounded by issues of student safety, there must be a multi-faceted approach to improving the situation. Introducing a third bus to reduce crowding and chaos is a good start. This must be accompanied by consistent peer-to-peer pressure for those who continue to pose a risk to the driver and other passengers. It comes down to this unfortunate ultimatum: love it or lose it.



**Christina Wehry**

**Wehry is a student activist around the campus. She has raised \$17,000 for groups around Burlington in her three years at UVM**

Inclusion. I want to ensure that information about SGA efforts is available to students in every medium possible, that students have every confidence that President Fogel and our administrators are working to their benefit and that students feel comfortable working with SGA. The accessibility of improvement by students for students is ultimately why SGA exists, as president I seek to ensure that SGA is fulfilling this commitment.

I've been an activist on this campus for the past three years. I've raised \$17,000 for local nonprofits and I could go on to list my other accomplishments. But in all of my efforts I've learned that the most important tool a student leader has, are ears. There is a lot to be improved on this campus and I can lead us into those changes. But most importantly I want to be an available resource for the student body. That is the ultimate qualification.

I love being a part of this University. I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years here and expect to love next year as well. I'm running for president because I want to make sure that all here. Students' working for students is beneficial for all involved because we're working with each other to improve our campus in ways that will effect us all in positively.

Transportation and Parking Services is working very hard to solve the problem of the week-end route buses. They have become our main feature for traveling safely and freely at night. What I believe has been decided recently is the addition of a third bus to the route; buses will be traveling every 10 minutes instead of every 15. I fully support this decision and every effort being taken to transport students safely between campus and the downtown area.

## DEBATES

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In response to the new policy, Crawford said, "Prohibition didn't work when we tried it, you know, back in the day. As long as alcohol has alcohol in it, people will be drinking it."

"It has been the introduction of this new policy that has urged more students to leave their dorms for downtown, increasing the number of problems with the late-night bus," Morin said.

Midway through the debate, Lariviere asked a question that received the most varied response of the night: "What are the biggest challenges and causes of concern for UVM students?"

Meltzer replied that there is a problem of equity. "Students are not getting what they deserve for the tuition they are paying. The lack in funding for clubs and organizations has been a major issue," he said.

While McCarty acknowledged that tuition is a cause of concern for many students, he also included campus safety, student-town relations, the exorbitant price of books and the limited number of hockey

tickets as other areas where SGA must make changes.

"Students are dissatisfied with the performance of SGA," Nizlek said. "They are upset with ResLife and late-night transportation. Unfortunately, they cannot communicate their dissatisfaction because there is a divide between the student body and SGA," he said.

This raised another question introduced by Lariviere, which happens to also be a commonly known group on Facebook, "WHAT HAVE YOU -SGA- DONE FOR ME LATELY" and, she continued, "What can you, as president, do to change the image of SGA?"

As an outsider to SGA, Wehry believes she can appeal to the students. "You don't have to have years of experience in SGA. It is more important to create new, positive relationships," she said.

Of the seven candidates, Wehry and Meltzer are the only two who have not held positions in SGA. When asked whether this affects how he will vote, junior David Cahill responded, "I don't think be-

ing in SGA is a necessary prerequisite. It just means they haven't been caught up in the bureaucratic mess."

McCarty used this question to introduce his "Open Door" policy. "If I am elected president, students will be able to come into my office and have a discussion about any issue at any time," he explained.

Currently, SGA does not have a polling committee to research students' likely choices. However, each candidate in the race has set up a Facebook campaign group with a detailed description of their platform.

With each "friend" tallied as a "vote," the pre-election tally is as follows: Morin (365), Ram (248), McCarty (220), Wehry (110), Crawford (177), Meltzer (86) and Nizlek (76).

Each of the candidates' platforms and their backgrounds have been posted on the SGA web site, <http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmmsga/>, or you can visit their campaign groups on Facebook

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# Patriot Act Goes to the Library

**Librarians come to Bailey/Howe and tell of their resistance to the Patriot Act and the FBI**

By JESSICA BARTLETT  
Cynic Correspondant

One would never think that four librarians from Connecticut would be the ones to resist a federal law. However, Peter Chase and George Christian were two such people. Presenting a lecture at the Bailey/Howe Library on March 20th, Chase and Christian discussed their personal confrontation with the Patriot Act.

After receiving a National Security letter from the FBI requesting information about one of their patrons, Chase and Christian, as well as two other Connecticut librarians, refused to comply. The letter they received was equipped with a gag order that, if broken, would land the four of them in prison for up to 5 years. The librarians were irate.

The Patriot Act, enacted by George W. Bush on Oct.

26, 2001 after the tragedy of September 11, entitles the FBI to confidential information without any judicial warrant. Initially meant to serve as a means to fight terrorism, with its ability to attain private information so easily, it has many questioning its constitutionality as well as its moral integrity.

The legislation has been sweeping. Its mission is to be "uniting and strengthening America to intercept terrorism." However, many see it as not only an infringement on their privacy, but also as a threat to their civil liberties.

These two Connecticut librarians wanted no part in it.

"They [the FBI] wanted us to sell our patrons out, in the dark of night. No one else would know about it," Peter Chase, one of the four librarians to give the lecture, said.

"They have the complete right to pry into anyone's life," added George Christian the other Connecticut librarian to attend the lecture.

Article 11-25 of the confidentiality records of the Connecticut Library contradicts the Patriot Act, stating, "per-

sonally identifiable information contained in the circulation records shall remain confidential."

Based on this, and its unconstitutional restriction on speech, the four librarians brought the matter to court as anonymous plaintiffs. Word of their resistance spread like wild fire, causing newspapers and magazines alike to question the identity of this "John Doe" Connecticut Chase, although an authority on civil liberties as a chairman on the Intellectual Freedom Committee for the Connecticut Library Association, was unable to comment on the bill due to his gag order.

The National Security letter shown on a projector during the lecture is in fact the only one that has been shown publicly. According to *The Washington Post*, 150,000 letters have been issued by the FBI, however, because of the gag order, the public doesn't know about any of them.

"The gag order deprived our ability to speak, and also to think...it put a lid on public debate. No one's questioning, no one is even aware," Chris-

tian said.

With the renewal of the act on March 2, 2006, the gag order was dropped, causing the librarians' judicial appeals to drop with it. However, with renewed vigor, the librarians went public.

Many say they have no issue with the government searching their records because they have nothing to hide. However, "while it may not lead to anything immediately, that's on permanent file," Chase refuted.

Christian agreed. "Even if you want your life to be an open book, do you really think that should be the policy of the United States?"

Audience members were concerned, asking what they could do.

"Speak up, say something. [Senator] Leahy will list to what you have to say - He might not agree, but he will listen," Chase said. "There is a time and a place for everything. Now is the time to stand up."

The audience agreed. As one member put it, "Individuals really need to speak out and say 'enough is enough.'"

## REPUBLICANS

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ni worked very hard to get this club started less than six years ago, and now it no longer exists due to a lack of funds. It is a shame that we were not able to repay the debt," Baldyga said.

Although Banks stated in the SGA meeting on Tuesday evening that they were "hesitant to de-recognize" a club, a vast majority of the student senators voted in favor of the de-recognition.

"The most upsetting thing is that now there is less political diversity on campus. The conservatives of the UVM community have nowhere to go now to discuss their concerns," Baldyga said.

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# Clean Energy Fund is an SGA No-Brainer

**Students will pay \$5 to \$10 dollars each towards exploring renewable energy options**

By ALISON STOUT  
Cynic Correspondant

SGA passed the Clean Energy Fund (CEF) unanimously at their meeting on Tuesday night.

The CEF, which charges students a nominal fee between \$5 and \$10 dollars and puts it towards purchasing renewable energy, has been instated at well over fifty schools across the nation, including Harvard University and University of Colorado at Boulder.

The fund was organized at

UVM by the University of Vermont Campus Energy Group (UVM-CEG). The group's hard work has paid off, as both the undergraduate and the graduate student senates have passed the CEF.

"The next step is getting it approved with the Board of Trustees," Nikola Janjic, president of UVM-CEG said.

Through the fund "the university can live up to its mission to be the environmental university," said sophomore Daniel Belhumeur, vice president of UVM-CEG.

According to a letter about the fund written by the group there are numerous environmental, economic and academic advantages to the fund.

The letter states that "environmentally, it will reduce UVM's 'carbon footprint' and harmful emissions of greenhouse gases. Economically

it will protect the University from increasingly rising and volatile costs of conventional energy [T]he on-campus and community-wide renewable energy projects will expand academic opportunities for UVM students across the busi-

*Through the fund "the University can live up to its mission to be the environmental University."*

**-Daniel Belhumeur,  
UVM Campus Energy Group  
Vice President**

ness, science, environmental and engineering curricula."

"This is also something that is profitable and can work from an economic standpoint," Belhumeur said.

"The economic savings

from these student-supported renewable energy projects could then be earmarked to be monitored and you could dedicate that funding to go back into supporting student initiatives or lowering tuition or going toward scholarships. We should have the right to decide how some of these savings could best be spent," Janjic said.

The student fee would collectively bring in up to \$200,000, and that does not include the potential donations from outside sources.

"We've already been contacted by a number of what I like to call 'benevolent institutions' that have expressed interest in supporting clean energy development at UVM. Companies from all over the country have been contacting us about exciting ways that we can develop sustainable energy at UVM."

It's important that student established and a lot of community leaders in this region will be attracted to that and will support this fund and this

initiative," Janjic said.

The money would go towards different sources of renewable energy, from an anaerobic digester (a system that turns animal waste into power and electricity) to solar and wind projects, according to UVM-CEG's presentation to SGA.

UVM spends over six million dollars annually on energy. Renewable energy sources purchased through the CEF could drastically reduce the university's energy costs, Janjic said.

A recent survey shows that UVM students are in strong support of the CEF. In a study of over 750 students, only 8 percent of those polled did not support a student fee.

"It's great that students have voiced so loudly their concern with climate change and that they are going the extra step to ensure sustainability," Janjic said. The CEF "is actually going to go towards making the entire world a better place."

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"Members of Congress now face a choice: whether they will waste time and provoke an unnecessary confrontation, or whether they will join us in working to do the people's business."

President George  
W. Bush



## Choosing the Davis Center Decider

Shane Clark - Op-Ed Editor

In contrast to last year, when the Seth Bowdon and Ajay Schmidt ticket claimed the prize virtually uncontested, there are seven clever options to choose from in this year's SGA presidential race. But the question on many potential voters' minds is: "Is this a popularity contest to improve someone's resume, or is there a candidate out there that can really improve student life?"

According to candidate Ross Nizlek's campaign platform, he is surely optimistic about the power SGA holds by proclaiming that "SGA has tremendous power on this campus to protect the student interest and exact change, especially when led by a determined president." Let's just hope that if elected, Nizlek will have the time to wield his tremendous power while maintaining an open door policy that will have students flooding into his office to lodge their grievances.

A hot button issue in this year's campaign has been UVM's new dry campus policy, and the role of police on campus. You can't really blame the candidates for catering to the popular opinion within the student body in favor of the right to party in the dorms. But can you vote for a can-

didate who is sympathetic to the plight of what presidential hopeful Lydia Morin describes as a "police state?"

These sorts of promises won't necessarily translate into any change. Candidates who have adopted this platform may as well promise us world peace. The reality is, the SGA president cannot exercise the power to take police out of our halls and bring booze back to our rooms.

The will of University administrations always trumps that of an SGA. Just ask the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee SGA. They were shut down by the administration last October when they suspected the president had been embezzling money. In that case (and many more) the administration superceded the authority of the SGA.

This is not to say the presidency isn't a powerful position. The upcoming agenda for SGA fiscal year 2008-2009 will be ultimately determined by the "Decider in the Davis Center."

If this year has taught us anything about the University, it is that our community is not as safe as we all thought it was. Colby Eck's bizarre naked assault in Harris compounded by Michelle Garden-

er-Quinn's tragic death has highlighted the need for all University institutions to focus on student safety. The information found at our SGA web site informs us that present Senator Scott McCarty has built his campaign around the need to improve safety through improvements in transportation while others like Senator Kesha Ram are calling for community based efforts to stop violence before it happens.

In February, to the behest of commuters and bikers alike, the University of Toronto Student Union instituted a tuition hike for students to pay an additional \$89 for a transit pass. It remains to be seen if there is a strategy available for SGA to improve safety without forcing students to increase mandatory student fees that may or may not improve our safety.

If there is anything that is not clever about the SGA presidential race this year it is that there is not a significant number of outside-the-ranks candidates. There are only two: Christina Wehry and Nick Meltzer. Although these candidates are unfamiliar with the SGA bureaucracy, an infusion of fresh faces and new ideas may be just what SGA needs.

## Win, Lose or Die

Joanna Benjamin - Sports Editor

The goal of organized sports was once the public support of athletic ability. In recent times, the sports community has lost that principle and found itself caught up in rivalries and the pursuit of the intoxicating feeling of victory.

What happens when athletic prowess is ignored and victory is all that matters? Corruption and gambling take over international events and people will do just about anything to make sure their team wins.

Known as one of the world's elite cricket clubs, Pakistan shocked fans as it became the first team to be knocked out of the World Cup in Jamaica after an embarrassing loss to Ireland.

Less than 24 hours after the loss, coach Bob Woolmer was found unconscious in his hotel room and pronounced dead due to "manual strangulation."

Woolmer was set to reveal details of

Pakistani cricket's corrupt culture in his newest book and was well aware that he had made enemies of those who have millions of dollars riding on the outcome of certain matches.

Woolmer's murder can be seen as a step by an international body to prevent the public becoming aware of the ins and outs of corruption within his organization. Pakistan has had to expel players on charges of illegal steroid use and has also faced accusations of ball-tampering. These are just a few of the instances that Woolmer had been noting during his tenure as Pakistan's coach.

Cricket captivates Pakistan just as March Madness holds the attention the United States. Pakistan's performance at the World Cup is as unexpected as a 16-seed upsetting a top seed in the NCAA tournament. As unbelievable as that is, the murder of a coach is no way for an

angry fan or disgruntled gambler to gain retribution.

The recent murder of Darrent Williams of the Denver Broncos was said to stem from an altercation at a nightclub, but who is to say that it had no relation to the performance of the Broncos last season?

It's as if gamblers, who are breaking international laws by attempting to fix the outcome of cricket matches, see no distinction with their illegal actions. Murder is just a different way to make sure one team beats another.

The international sporting community finds itself at a critical place in time, and if the ICC and other governing bodies do not find a successful way to avoid corruption within the organization, cricket and sports in general will become just another form of organized crime.

## Letters to the Editor

# Home of the Free and the Tortured

They legalized torture. They have legalized torture! THEY'VE LEGALIZED ELECTRODES TO YOUR FREAKIN' NIPPLES TORTURE!!! Think the Patriot times 22,000.

The official purpose of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109-366, 120 Stat. 2600 Oct. 17, 2006) is to "facilitate bringing to justice terrorists and other unlawful enemy combatants through full and fair trials by military commissions, and for other purposes."

Be fearful of the "other purposes" part. Cutting through the needlessly esoteric criminal justice jargon, what the law does is give the military the right to take any "alien unlawful enemy combatant" (a term that is not adequately defined in the act) permanently detain them, torture them, suspend their right to habeas corpus, then try them in front of a "competent tribunal," whatever the hell that means, and then execute them in that order.

The act doesn't allow the accused to even bring up the fact that they were tortured during trial, meaning any confessions obtained during, say, the removal of one's fingernails, are good and valid.

This is unprecedented in United States history. It ignores sections 810, 831 and 832 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the recently won Supreme Court decision on Hamden vs. Rumsfeld, and four Geneva Conventions to name a few. All of which have the general theme of giving enemies in time of conflict fair and humane treatment during detention and

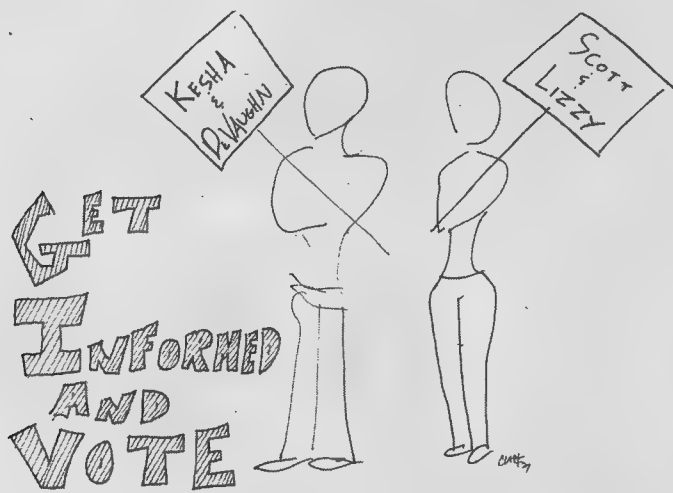
trial.

If it's not bad enough that this abuse can be against foreigners—due the purposely hazy wording—it is possible for any American citizen to be declared an "unlawful enemy combatant".

Just for writing this article, tomorrow some D.C. douches can abduct me, shove some barbed wire down my urethra until I confess to being a terrorist (won't take too long, I have a low threshold for pain), indefinitely hold me, try me with no right to see the evidence against me, then execute me without running into any legal friction. This has already happened with a guy, Jose Padilla, the difference is he's not dead yet, and they didn't use barbed wire.

Proponents of the act like G-Bush (pansie) are spewing the same tired tripe we've be hearing for six years. "We have to protect the motherland from the infidels ... yadda yadda yadda ... they weren't born in America so they're evil ... dadada ... something about how they hate freedom ... maybe a little racism thrown in for good measure." We've heard the rants enough times for them to become clichés. Personally I'm a hell of a lot more scared of a super power gone mad with infinite tools of death-construction than some angry yokels who'd lose all their support anyway if we left them alone. Civil Liberty vs. Homeland Security, they're two contradictory ideas, and I'd rather be free then safe any day of the week.

- BEN SILVERMAN, CLASS OF 2010



## UVM Should Support Scott and Lizzy

I have had the opportunity to know Scott McCarty and Lizzy Mazer this past year on the SGA Senate. I wanted to share with you why I felt that they would best serve as our next SGA president and vice president.

Scott and Lizzy are the only two candidates on SGA that have served as committee chairs; which is a critical when it comes to understanding the SGA, the student body, engaging in dialogue with the administration and getting stuff done.

Moreover, I have been impressed by Scott and Lizzy's plans on student safety and town-gown relations. They offer detailed

plans on their web site: <http://www.mccartymazer.org> and I feel that these are the most important campaign issues of this race.

I can think of no one better than to lead us than Scott and Lizzy. They have the experience and dedication to work for us. They will lead with respect and they will bring SGA to a whole new level for the better. I trust Scott and Lizzy to get the job done. They just need our support to get there.

CHRIS SHACKETT, CLASS OF 2010

JERMEY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

JONATHAN MATTHIESSEN KYLE

# Nuclear Ambitions Thwarted by Fear

On Feb. 21, Iran failed to meet a deadline imposed by the United Nations that mandated that it halt the enrichment of uranium.

This deadline was enacted by a coalition of major world powers, The United States, China, Russia, Great Britain, France and Germany among them, which fears that Iran's nuclear ambitions are not, as Iran claims, wholly peaceful in nature, and which threatened sanctions should Iran not comply.

The Iranian leadership appeared contemptuous of all threats. President Mahmud Ahmadinejad stated that the country's nuclear program has "no break and no reverse gear," defying all demands of compliance on behalf of the West.

It seems natural that Ahmadinejad, who maintains popular support in his country largely through his acts of defiance of America, would engage in such posturing. Long have there existed tensions between the United States and Iran, and he has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to exploit that tension for personal gain.

But does this political history suggest that the actions of the nation are entirely unjustified? The alternative question is: Are the demands of the United States and other powers reasonable?

This is the query that the arguments tried to address when they characterized demands from the White House that Iran halt enrichment as a precondition to talks as "illegal and illogical."

They've got a point. The nuclear non-proliferation treaty was signed by 188 nations—including both Iran and its accusers. In addition to enacting a moratorium on nuclear weapons research, it recognizes the right of any state to pursue non-military nuclear technology.

It is therefore well within the legal bounds of any nation to enrich or purchase uranium for the purposes of power generation, as Iran claims it is doing.

Demanding that Iran cease enrichment of uranium as a precondition to discussion suggests that it does not have this right.

This demand is centered around the suspicion that Iranian activities are not, in fact, strictly targeted at civilian energy production, and may be intended to covertly produce a bomb.

This concern alone does not warrant the American response. By demanding unconditional suspension of enrichment activities before any negotiations may begin, the United States closes the door on a regulated and monitored atomic industry in Iran, and in fact makes more likely the weaponization of atomic materials.

The rational and legal solution is to allow Iran to pursue their purported peaceful aims under the close supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) the branch of The United Nations dedicated to the oversight of atomic technology.

The course of action chosen by the United States serves to galvanize the already worrisome divisions between the Muslim and Western states and provides no sensible or acceptable response to the question of a nuclear Iran. IAEA oversight would address both of these issues and dissolve a worrisome tension.



# The Issue With Drugs

Drugs.

Some use them for medicinal purposes. Some use them for recreational purposes. Some use them as performance enhancers.

And some aren't even aware that they use them. The point is that a substantial portion of the population uses them for one reason or another.

Drugs are one of the biggest domestic issues facing the United States. Our prisons are filled with drug users and dealers and drug-related crime is one of the biggest killers on our streets.

But is the danger in the drugs themselves or the situations that surround their use and distribution?

Because the most desirable drugs are often the ones that are illegal or are obtained illegally, their production and distribution is almost entirely underground and uncontrolled. This often results in the prices being inflated and the purity difficult for users to predict.

It's a given that even the most pure drugs can have extremely negative side effects. That being said, it is much easier for the user to determine the proper dose and calculate how they will be affected when the substance is controlled.

Am I arguing for the outright legalization of all drugs?

Not quite. But maybe.

Let's face it, people are going to use drugs regardless of their legality. Making drugs legal would at least ensure that the drugs being taken are controlled and

While there might be an initial spike in overall usage, but more likely than not those numbers would level off.

If you need proof, look no further than Holland, where the use "soft drugs" such as marijuana and mushrooms has been legalized. In Holland, these drugs can be bought over the counter and their potency and effects are usually described.

The laws against the use and distribution of hard drugs in Holland, such as heroin or cocaine, are similarly strict to those in the United States. However, the rates at which these drugs are used are considerably lower.

While the Dutch are considered quite tolerant in their attitudes towards drug use, the degree to which they actually partake is relatively small considering the availability. Much of the drug consumption that takes place in Holland—particularly in cities like Amsterdam, comes in the form of narco-tourism.

It's a gross oversimplification to say that outright legalization of all drugs would solve drug-related problems in the United States.

It would, however, save billions of dollars which are being spent fighting drugs and incarcerating drug criminals, eliminate an illegal drug industry which ruins countless lives every day and make using these drugs safer than it ever has been.

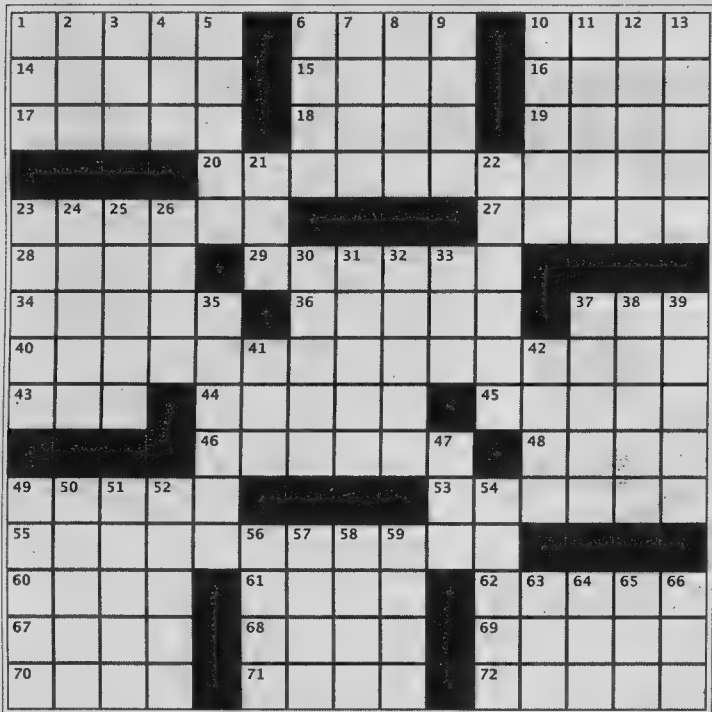
The money that had been spent on the "War on Drugs" could instead be spent treating drug abusers and accurately informing people on the dangers of drug use.

You can't stop drug use; you can only hope to contain it. The best way to do this is by taking drugs off the streets and making them safely accessible for those who are going to use them regardless of their legality.





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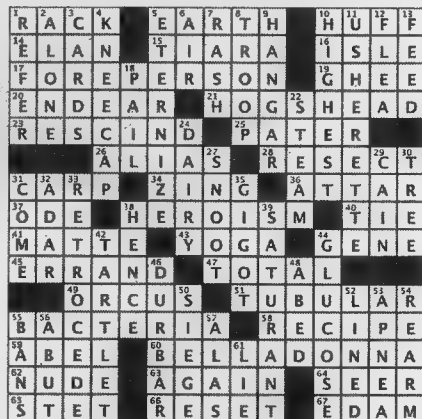
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13- Fang, e.g.  
21- Atmosphere  
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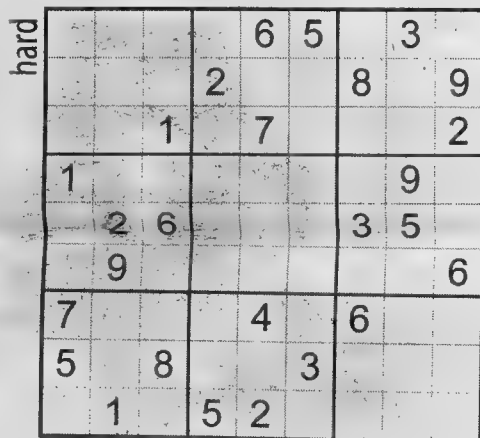
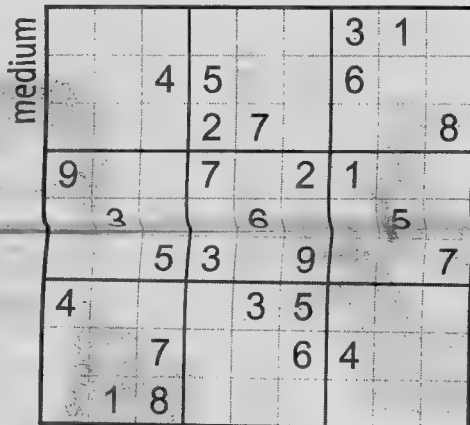
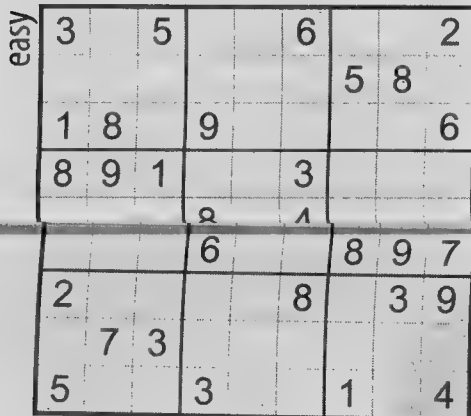
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SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK



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College Gourmet



...Coconut Macaroons

These delicious coconut sweets are very easy, and open to variation. They are actually a cross between cookie, meringue and cake. Originally from Italy and made from crushed almonds, (called "amaretto"), the deliciousness spread internationally and now Coconut Macaroons are found in grocery stores and bakeries all over. These particular Macaroons are kosher, keeping in mind that Passover is coming up.

- Ingredients: 4 large egg whites  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup flour  
2 2/3 cups coconut  
\*optional toppings/dips: crushed almonds, melted chocolate, raspberry jam

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Mix wet ingredients together, add dry ingredients and mix well. Liberally butter a baking sheet and lightly flour. Drop teaspoonfuls onto baking sheet, and bake for 15-20 minutes, until tops are golden brown.

# Mitchell Signs With Sharks



**Vermont men's hockey standout, Torrey Mitchell, will pass up his senior year to join the San Jose Sharks' AHL affiliate**

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

Growing up in Greenfield Park, Quebec, University of Vermont junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell dreamed of one day skating alongside his childhood hero, Joe Sakic, in the NHL.

On March 19, the agricultural and resource economics major took a giant step toward achieving his lofty goal.

A fourth round pick (126 overall) in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft, Mitchell announced in a press conference Monday at Patrick Gymnasium that he will forgo his senior season to pursue a professional hockey career with the San Jose Sharks.

"This is an opportunity I could not pass up," explained the sparkplug forward. "After consulting with my family, coaches and advisor, this is the best decision for me."

"I want to thank my teammates, coaches and the University of Vermont for a great experience. It was a dream of mine to play college hockey and I was able to develop as a student-athlete here at Vermont – and it's something I'll cherish forever."

## Putting UVM Back on the Map

Arriving in Burlington as a highly touted freshman out of Connecticut's Hotchkiss School, in 2004, Mitchell wasted little time in turning around a scuffling hockey program.

Named to the ECAC All-Rookie Team, Mitchell finished with 11 goals and 19 assists for 30 points in 38 games.

Offensive output aside, Mitchell's arrival sparked a 12 win improvement from the previous season.



(Top) Junior co-captain Torrey Mitchell (9) goes in for a shot in a game against Boston College. (Above left) Mitchell and Vermont men's hockey head coach Kevin Sneddon discuss the options for Mitchell's future in a press conference held on Monday, March 19, 2007. (Above right) Mitchell finished the '06-'07 season with a team-high 35 points on 12 goals and 23 assists.

Head coach Kevin Sneddon credits Mitchell with leading the surge.

"He helped put Vermont back on the map. We had some lean years here at UVM including my first year, when we did not have any success. Torrey came in and raised the bar in terms of skill, work ethic and desire to win."

As a sophomore, Mitchell recorded 12 tallies and 28 helpers for 40 points in 38 games on his way to earning a Hockey East All-Star honorable mention.

However, it was Mitchell's exceptional play in all phases of the game, especially defensively, that was most remarkable.

"He is our top penalty killer, one of our best face-off players, and his knowledge of what to do on defense is exceptional. He is a 'go to' player in every situation for us," Sneddon said.

As a junior co-captain this past season, Mitchell led the Cats to the Hockey East quarterfinals against Boston University.

Finishing the 2006 - 2007 campaign with a team-high 35 points (12 goals, 23 assists),

Mitchell was named a Hockey East All-Star honorable mention for the second consecutive year.

## A Winning Personality

Performance aside, what makes Mitchell so attractive to NHL executives is his attitude.

In addition to his supremely poised and composed demeanor under pressure, Mitchell's unparalleled work ethic renders him with great potential to succeed at the next level.

"He has great confidence without being conceited," Sneddon said. "He does not have an attitude off the ice, but plays with an attitude on the ice."

"He rarely gets frustrated; instead he finds a way to make things work for himself. He is one of the hardest working players on our team each year."

Totaling 35 goals and 70 assists for 105 points in 110 career games, Mitchell leaves UVM tied for 35th on the school's all-time scoring list.

During Mitchell's three year tenure, the Cats secured a whopping 57 victories.

Still, what stands out most



(Bill DiLillo/UVM Photography)

is how quickly and completely Mitchell has matured both as an athlete and a young man.

Such remarkable personal development will no doubt aid Mitchell in his imminent transition from student athlete to professional hockey player.

"Torrey came to UVM as a very gifted young player," Sneddon explained. "He needed to mature on and off the ice, and UVM provided him with a great environment to grow and mature."

"He became a great defensive player as well as a more skilled player. He learned how to become a leader on and off the ice. All of this will help him make the step to the next level."

## Dedication to Education

Although Mitchell will not return for his final year of collegiate eligibility, he is not walking away from his education.

Part of Mitchell's decision to make the leap hinges on his intention to earn the remaining credits toward securing his degree.

A coach in every sense of the word, Sneddon was instrumental in the decision-making

process.

"I told him that I would lay out the advantages and disadvantages of staying in school or accepting San Jose's offer," Sneddon said. "It would then be up to him to make a smart decision."

him to do was promise me he would graduate from UVM," Sneddon continued.

"He is well on his way to doing that and has plans to work during the summers and next season to complete his degree."

## Defying the Odds

The path to the NHL can be long and arduous.

Players like former Cats' goaltender and current Bruin Tim Thomas have spent years competing overseas and in the AHL – the NHL's minor league – before seeing their professional dreams come true.

Yet, Sneddon believes Mitchell has all the tools to succeed alongside "Jumbo" Joe Thornton and Scott Marleau of the Sharks some day.

"He is the best two-way forward I have ever coached."

"The combination of his overall skill package along with his desire to be responsible without the puck makes him a very special player, and that is what San Jose really likes about him," Sneddon said.

"His confidence, his work ethic, his intelligence and his overall skill package will make him a very good pro."

Torrey Mitchell-less for the first time in four seasons, the Cats will surely miss his charismatic leadership, locker-room presence and consistently stellar performance.

However, as Mitchell enters the select and hallowed path of featured greats Martin St. Louis, Eric Perrin, Tim Thomas and John LeClair, the eternal pride his leap creates for both the University and Burlington community is sure to far outweigh the present-day loss.



## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell A column by The Cynic Sports Staff

#### Bad Week for Big Green By JOSH APPELBAUM

As if having the second worst record in the NBA was not embarrassing enough, the Boston Celtics (20-47) took another humiliating blow when GM Danny Ainge was slapped with a \$30,000 fine for "excessive contact" with the family of diaper dandy and surefire lottery pick Kevin Durant.

Ainge was seen chumming it up in the stands with Durant's mother at the Big 12 tourney, which is a violation of NBA protocol.

For Ainge's sake and the reputation of the organization, landing the Texas University incendiary in June's draft might be the only way to save face for a lost season and bring hope back to one of the NBA's proudest and most storied franchises.

#### Bad Week for Cinderella By NICK DECARO

Cinderella has been dancing her way into the Sweet 16 for 12 straight years, but she was not lucky 13 this year.

There were no miracle Bryce Drew threes lifting Valpo over Ole Miss, no Weber State over North Carolina's this year. The answer? Blame the selection committee.

As if they don't mess with the mid-major schools enough, this year the "genius" decided to jor in the first round.

They didn't even give Cinderella a chance to find her dancing shoes.

So here's to you, the committee for killing Cinderella in 2007.

Pat yourselves on the back, you guys did a great job putting Stanford right? Arkansas really showed up too didn't they?

But Syracuse, West Virginia, who would waste a slot on them? Oh wait—those teams are steam-rolling through the NIT. Hold on, the committee is going to come take care of the situation. What a joke the selection committee is.

#### Bad Week for Canadian Rookies By CORY WILLIAMS

Canada's team, the Toronto Raptors, received a heavy blow when number one draft pick Andrea Bargnani had an emergency appendectomy this past week.

He was at the top of his class, but now his candidacy for NBA Rookie of the Year is in doubt.

#### Good Week for Record Breaking By KAT WILLIAMS

Kobe Bryant became the second player in the NBA to score 50 points or more for four games in a row. Wilt Chamberlin holds the record of 260 points.

Kobe, just shy of Chamberlin's record with 225 points, makes scoring over some of the pros look easy.

In his last game against New Orleans, Bryant had 27 points at the half. He could have stopped 24 minutes into the game and still had more points than all but six other players in the league.

## Softball Sports A New Look

### A new head coach and old team look to improve on their 7-13 record

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

With the return of 10 upperclassmen and the loss of a single starter, the University of Vermont softball team has a bright outlook under the eyes of first year head coach Marcie Hickey.

Picked to finish seventh in the America East preseason poll, Vermont will look to rebound from last year's 15-27 (6-15 Conference) campaign and reach the America East Tournament for the first time since 1996.

Beginning her first season in the UVM dugout, Hickey, a 1999 graduate of Bloomsburg University, replaces former head coach and 21 year veteran Pam Childs.

For the past five seasons, Hickey had been head coach at Coppin State where she became the school's all time winningest coach after only two seasons.

A star athlete in her own right, Hickey earned second team All America honors in 1997 as a shortstop at Bloomsburg.

Hickey will rely on the supreme

experience of her rotation as all three pitchers return for this season.

Led by junior flamethrower Aimee Kern, the Cats' staff is one of its strongest assets.

Ranking third all time at UVM in strikeouts (276) and fifth in wins (21), Kern set single season records last year in both strikeouts (168) and complete games (21).

Sophomore Alison Daggett, named to the America East All Rookie team last season, and senior Sarah Burke round out the rotation.

Offensively, the Cats will have to compensate for the loss of star shortstop Kate Haber, who suffered a season-ending injury in the off-season.

Hickey will look to senior first baseman Kate Ramsey, and juniors backstop Whitney Borisenok and outfielder Elena Rizza to pick up the slack.

"A major key to success this year will be the leadership that we are getting on the field," Hickey said. "We are in a unique situation this year in that we have no freshmen on our roster."

"We return 15 players from last season, which makes experience and team chemistry a big strength for us."

The Cats will face Siena in their home opener on April 5.



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Softball winds up for the season as they finish up their indoor training with batting practice. The Lady Cats open their season at home on April 5 against Siena.

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## THIS WEEK AT UVM (3.27-4.2)

Tuesday (3.27)

Baseball @ Central Connecticut (2) (12p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Brown (3p.m.)

Wednesday (3.28)

Women's Lacrosse vs. Siena (3p.m.)

Saturday (3.31)

Track and Field @ UMass w/Albany & Sacred Heart (11:30a.m.)  
Softball @ Stony Brook (12p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Stony Brook (1p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse vs. New Hampshire (1p.m.)  
Softball @ Stony Brook (2p.m.)  
Baseball @ Sacred Heart (3p.m.)

Sunday (4.1)

Baseball @ Sacred Heart (2) (12p.m.)  
Softball @ Stony Brook (12p.m.)

## SNOW REPORT (3.27-4.2)

Tuesday (3.27)

Few showers  
53°/37°

Wednesday (3.28)

Partly cloudy  
43°/29°

Thursday (3.29)

Mostly sunny / Wind  
41°/25°

Friday (3.30)

Mostly sunny  
47°/30°

Saturday (3.31)

Partly cloudy  
43°/33°

Sunday (4.1)

Showers  
42°/32°

Monday (4.2)

Showers  
41°/27°

## LAST WEEK (3.20-3.26)

Men's Lacrosse

3-3 (0-0 A-East)

@ Dartmouth (3.20)

UVM

Dartmouth

vs. Siena (3.24)

UVM

Siena

Women's Lacrosse

2-6 (0-0 A-East)

vs. Boston Coll. (3.21)

UVM

Boston Coll.

Baseball

4-6 (0-0 A-East)

@ Monmouth (3.24)

UVM

Monmouth

@ Monmouth (3.25)

UVM

Monmouth

Loss

0-1-4-2 - 7

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5-5-10

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CONFERENCE  
STANDINGS

## A-East Men's Lacrosse

1. Albany	6-0 (0-0)
2. Stony Brook	4-1 (0-0)
3. UMBC	3-3 (0-0)
4. Vermont	3-4 (0-0)
5. Binghamton	1-4 (0-0)
6. Hartford	1-5 (0-0)

## A-East Women's Lacrosse

1. Stony Brook	7-1 (0-0)
2. New Hampshire	4-3 (0-0)
3. Albany	3-4 (0-0)
4. Boston U.	2-3 (0-0)
5. Vermont	2-6 (0-0)
6. UMBC	3-6 (0-0)
7. Binghamton	0-5 (0-0)

## A-East Baseball

1. Binghamton	3-4-0 (0-0-0)
2. UMBC	5-10-0 (0-0-0)
3. Vermont	4-8-0 (0-0-0)
4. Albany	4-11-0 (0-0-0)
5. Maine	4-11-0 (0-0-0)
6. Stony Brook	3-9-0 (0-0-0)
7. Hartford	1-11-0 (0-0-0)

## A-East Softball

1. Boston U.	15-6-0 (0-0-0)
2. Albany	10-5-0 (0-0-0)
3. UMBC	9-6-0 (0-0-0)
4. Stony Brook	8-7-0 (0-0-0)
5. Hartford	8-8-0 (0-0-0)
6. Maine	13-14-0 (0-0-0)
7. Vermont	7-13-0 (0-0-0)
8. Binghamton	2-9-0 (0-0-0)

The  
LooperAustin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Blessed March

At this point, we all know Cinderella won't be dancing at this year's Final Four in Atlanta.

But really, when you think about it, it's only a petty disappointment in what is always the best season for sports and for sports fans.

This is but another example proving how amazing and blessed the month of March is for viewers and athletes everywhere.

The list of reasons for "Blessed March" is long, well-rounded, well-known and chock full of substance.

I'm not breaking the list down to all of its nuts and bolts here — that discussion deserves and has seen plenty of attention, more than I could give here. Simply put, the weeks from mid-February to mid-April, with March Madness smack in the middle, consistently provide more excitement in more sports than any other time of the year. I've only now realized that in all likelihood I'm a sports nut *because* I was born into this blessed sporting season.

I mean, when your birthday falls on the weekend of the Final Four for several years in a row — and your birthday parties become Final Four parties — there might be something larger than coincidence at work.

Like V said repeatedly in "V for Vendetta," there are no coincidences.

It's for such reasons that so many different sports could reach a fever pitch in a little more than a month.

In a nutshell, some highlights of the month of March include:

— The men's and women's college hoops seasons come to their classic, entertaining ends in Madness.

— Major League Baseball heats up in sunny Florida and Arizona in preparation for the upcoming season, and then starts that season on an Opening Day that receives more fanfare than just about any other sport.

— The NBA and NHL race toward their respective playoffs with a furious finish in March and April, a stretch drive that usually includes more teams than the NFL or the MLB.

— Golf gets serious with the Masters in the beginning of April, setting off four months of Grand Slam hype and hopes.

— Colleges see skiing and hockey seasons end, while spring sports are so eager to start that they begin their seasons playing around snowbanks (see other photos in this section for lacrosse, baseball, softball).

How could you be born in that time frame and not be affected?

There's just something about March and watching the benchwarmers for a 14-seed go crazy as their on-court teammates go about defeating a powerhouse three-seed.

It's that kind of emotion that you just can't seem to rekindle any other time of year, the kind that makes March so special.

So, let's go our separate ways — back to the TV of course — to soak up more of the Madness, the emotion, the blessing.

Blessed March — it's just that time of year.

## Baseball Takes the Plate

The 2007 Cats will rely on strong pitching and defense to make another run at the America East title

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

After winning the program's second America East Regular Season Title last season, the UVM baseball team is poised to make another run.

In 2006, the Catamounts finished 16-8 on the season in America East and advanced to the conference tournament, where they finished third.

The Catamounts have been projected to finish third in America East play this year, behind defending champion Maine and Binghamton.

Head coach Bill Currier is entering his 20th season as the skipper of the Catamounts and feels that this year's team offers more speed, balance, and versatility throughout the lineup.

He was named the 2006 America East Coach of the Year.

Currier pointed to defense and pitching as they keys for this year's team's success.

"Defense is first, and we are returning strong pitching," Currier said.

"You don't hit everyday, sometimes you run up against a real good pitcher, and you have to rely on solid pitching and making defensive plays.

"It's important in close one and two run games, we have to manufacture runs," Currier said.

Pitching is one of the Catamounts' strengths this year with a deep rotation, but they will be without Junior Joe Serafin, who is out for the season with an injury.

Junior lefthander Eric Thompson had a staff-leading 3.16 ERA last season.

Sophomores Keith Rakus and Jeremiah Bayer are also looking to step up in Serafin's absence.

Rakus earned America East All-Rookie honors and Bayer lead the team in appearances in the 2006 season.

The return of junior lefty Kyle Henry, who is back from an arm injury, should also aid the Catamounts rotation.

Senior Brian Miles will also contribute to the rotation.

The bullpen, led by sophomores John Boyle, Justin Albert and freshman Derek McDonald will be crucial in the 55-game schedule.

"We've had some tough setbacks already, our best hitter, Miguel Magrass, is not eligible, and Joey Serafin who is America East All-Conference First Team just had leg surgery and is out for the year."

The loss of Magrass doesn't help the Catamounts' offense, which lost two big bats in Kyle Brault — last year's America East Player of the Year — and Jason Carrey.

The Catamounts are led by senior co-captains Jim Chapman and Bryan Rembisz.

Chapman posted a .309 average last season with 27 RBI's and 15 doubles.

Rembisz hit .282 with four home runs and 27 RBI's.

The two anchor the Catamounts up the middle with Chapman at shortstop and Rembisz at second base.

Junior's Kyle Henry, first base, and Kyle Massie, third, will occupy the corners of the infield.

In the outfield is senior Will Huntington, who roams



Junior third baseman Kyle Massie (5) steps up to the plate against TCU. The Cats lost all three of the games to TCU to open their season.

centerfield and will bat lead-off for Vermont.

Senior Nick Gallipani is at left field, while freshman Ethan Paquette will hold down the right side.

Sophomore Nate Matusick, redshirt freshman Brad Currier and freshman Bryce Shattie all newcomers to the team will add depth.

Sophomores Jeff Nolet and Jeff Jeppner will both get time behind the plate for the Cats.

"We need to focus on stay-

ing consistent and coming ready to play everyday, we are balanced and we need to stay hungry and want to win."

The Catamounts are off to a 4-6 start this season, playing teams of all statures, including nationally ranked Texas Christian University.

The Cats play home opener is slated for April 3 against Plattsburgh State at Centennial Field with the opening pitch coming at 3 p.m.

(Keith Robinson/UVM Photography)



# Siena Dominates Vermont in OT



(Josh Tyrowicz/Vermont Cynic)  
Freshman Tommy Archer (37) runs to catch the ball in Saturday's game against Siena. The Saints' win against the Cats brings the all-time record to 6-1.

**For the first time in school history, the Siena Saints top the Catamounts**

By CORY WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The Catamounts men's lacrosse team fell 7-6 in overtime to Siena on Saturday afternoon, bringing their record to 3-4 halfway through the season.

This was the first time the Saints have ever defeated UVM in men's lacrosse, bringing the all-time record to 6-1.

Senior Pete Hein and sophomore Andrew Kelleher both scored two goals apiece, while senior Sean Layton notched two assists.

Vermont's troubles began with faceoffs, losing 11 of 17 throughout the contest.

Senior goalie Daryl Swarts made 14 saves on the afternoon, keeping the score close throughout.

"Siena played a good game, they made smarter decisions," head coach Ryan Curtis said. "Our guys played hard but again, we had some trouble with ground balls and mental errors."

Layton scored the tying goal with 4:18 left in the fourth quarter, forcing the game into an extra period, but the team was unable to capitalize on the momentum.

After a turnover, Matt

Donovan scored the game winner with 2:18 left in OT to seal the victory.

While the rest of the student body was on Spring Break, the men's lacrosse team was traveling the country, playing games against the University of North Carolina and the University of Denver, respectively.

In Chapel Hill, the Catamounts were unable to hold off the Tar Heel offense, losing 13-6.

**"Our guys played hard but again, we had some trouble with ground balls and mental errors."**

ing 13-6.

Swarts made 18 saves, a career high, but faced 51 shots against the then #13 ranked UNC.

Pacing the Catamounts in Carolina was Hein, who scored three goals, and Kelleher, who potted two.

Sophomore Alex Young also scored.

After three days off, the team was ready to play again, pulling out a 9-8 victory over the Pioneers of Denver University.

Hein and senior Adam Kornuth, both from Colorado, contributed six points in the triumph.

"We switched some things around and put in some new plays this week and the team

really executed," Curtis said. "The guys played hard and really battled."

Upon returning to New England, the Catamounts traveled again, this time to Dartmouth.

The Big Green won handily, with a final score of 16-7.

Dartmouth led 11-1 at the half and Ari Sussman and Brian Koch combined for 15 points.

Hein and Kelleher again scored twice each for UVM, forming a one-two punch that has been consistent over the first half of the season.

Senior Dan Zwirko dished out three assists and added a goal of his own.

With seven games down and seven remaining, Hein leads the team with 16 goals scored, while Zwirko and Layton both have scored 10.

Junior Andrew Pierson has registered a team-high 10 assists.

Senior John Leonard has taken six penalties, while also leading the team in faceoff percentage, with a success rate of 40.9 percent.

Layton leads the team in scoring with 39 goals, while he and Young have scored game winning goals.

The Catamounts continue their campaign on Tuesday, March 27, at 3 p.m. against Brown University.

They then open up their conference schedule on Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m., facing off against Stony Brook.

## Boston College Tops UVM in Lacrosse

**The Lady Cats were no match for the Eagles, who outshot UVM 40-27**

By KAT WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The Vermont Women's Lacrosse team was defeated by Boston College, 16-10, last Wednesday.

The Eagles were led by Jenna McCabe and Elizabeth Kadison, who combined for 11 points.

McCabe picked up three assists and was one of three Eagles to score a hat trick.

Emily Hannigan and Lauren Costello also added three goals each.

Kadison dished out five assists and netted two goals to help the Eagles to their victory.

For the Catamounts, freshman Kaitlyn Fuller led the team in scoring with three goals while sophomore Kristen Millar scored twice and had two assists.

The first eight minutes of the game were a battle with the two teams trading quick goals.

The Catamounts took a one goal lead with about 21 minutes into the first half thanks to a goal from Millar.

The Eagles then rallied



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)  
Junior Emilie Clark (2) jumps to catch a pass in front of Boston College's net in Wednesday afternoon's game. Clark could not help the Cats top the Eagles, who out shot Vermont 40-27.

with two straight goals one minute apart to take the lead 4-3 with 15 minutes left to play in the first half.

Fuller netted a goal to tie

the score 4-4, but BC answered with five straight goals in six minutes to up their lead 9-4.

UVM's sophomore Jennifer Maher scored the final goal of

the half to end the BC scoring streak, making the halftime score 9-5.

"During the game we had potential to win and we knew

they would take the one v. ones if they had it," freshman Ali Haigh said. "We would have to be quick to double, but we also had to watch the slide because if we had doubled and left a girl open then they would definitely get it to her and score."

Catamount senior Becky Kenison opened up the second half with a goal, cutting the Eagles lead to three.

BC replied with another five-goal rally to open up the half and take the lead for good.

Vermont was outshot 40-27 in the game.

Goalie Meaghan Hanley made 15 saves, a season high for the UVM junior.

Boston College goalies Courtney Zwirko and Katie Monaghan combined to make 10 saves.

Vermont's record fell to 2-6 for the season while Boston college improved their record to 4-3 overall.

"We're ready I think, everyone seemed to be pumped up and motivated," Haigh said.

"We all really wanted to do well because we haven't proved what we can do yet. I know we are a lot better than what our record shows," Haigh said.

The Catamounts next game will be held on Wednesday, March 21 when they host Siena for a 3 p.m. contest.



## Ram, Bryan Win SGA Elections



Last Tuesday and Wednesday, students voted on the next SGA President and Vice President. Voting locations were set up at Cook Commons and Bailey-Howe Library (above). They chose from a presidential field of seven candidates and from a vice presidential race with three candidates. Out of 1,526 total ballots cast, Kesha Ram won the presidency with 502 votes, while DaVaughn Bryan won the vice presidency with 645 votes. (Complete voting tally, A2)

### Juniors Kesha Ram and DaVaughn Bryan voted SGA President and Vice President for 2007-2008

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

Students at the University of Vermont chose their new SGA administration on Tuesday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 28. Candidates Kesha Ram and DaVaughn Bryan ran away with the election.

Election results came in Wednesday night, with Ram taking 502 votes and Bryan taking 645 votes. The vote count gave both Ram and Bryan a clear majority over the other candidates seeking the presidency and vice presidency.

"Oh my God, stress almost got to us. In the end we probably won't have pneumonia until Saturday," said John Colin-Quinn, a campaign worker for Ram and Bryan.

When asked what he was doing when he found out he won, Bryan said, "I was cleaning my room for all the guests to come over." According to Ram, when she heard she won she started squealing with joy.

The two ran as a ticket, and won as a ticket. "Co-presidents, that's our first step. Also, making a more egalitarian SGA," Ram said.

"There are going to be some drastic changes in how SGA functions," Bryan said.

Ram is advocating for a relationship with Bryan that has them acting as co-presidents. "Both DaVaughn Bryan and I are capable leaders, and are both passion-

ate about a lot of different things," Ram said. "We're just the best team out there, there is no power structure involved."

The Ram and Bryan ticket also makes history at UVM. "This is the first ALANA co-presidency. It's fabulous," Ram said.

Ram and Bryan also made history in SGA by spearheading with Sam Maron and Ajay Schmidt a committee addressing diversity and environmental equity issues. The new committee will be an official body with the session of SGA on April 17.

Both Ram and Bryan have changes that they would like to make to the set-up and communication between SGA and the student body. Ram has brought forth the suggestion that SGA will e-mail to the student body all of the bills from SGA.

The president- and vice president-elect brought many other changes forth during the campaign. "It's for a more visible SGA," Bryan said. "The students need to hear, see, be part of every decision that is made."

Ram and Bryan have also suggested the possibility of student forums with them throughout the next year. "We're in Vermont, the home of town meetings," Ram said.

When asked what issues will be brought to light in the next year, Ram said, "Anything the student body is concerned about. The main hot-button issues right now are diversity and the environment."

Ram and Bryan will take office along with the new body of SGA senators at the April 17 meeting of SGA.

### 2007 Student Decision

More coverage on A2-A4:

- Election numbers
- What the other candidates have planned
- New president awarded a Truman Scholarship
- Election photographs

## The Winning Team Weighs In

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

After their big win during last week's SGA elections, the newly elected president, Kesha Ram, and vice president, DaVaughn Bryan, sat down for an interview with *The Cynic*.

**Vermont Cynic:** You've mentioned the idea of a co-presidency a few times. Is this going to be an institutional change you are going to pursue, or just a mindset for your term in office?

**Kesha Ram:** Every pair of students elected to serve as president and vice president will approach this differently. First of all, we were lucky enough to be elected as a ticket and, second of all, we have known and respected each other for nearly four years. We are still figuring out how this will look since we don't want to confuse people who are used to the current institution. We both have highly complementary leadership styles and experiences in serving the student body and are both capable of fulfilling either role, therefore it

makes sense for us to fulfill both and divide the work on a more egalitarian basis.

**VC:** You were the big supporters behind the new Committee on Diversity and Environmental Issues, what else can we expect in your term addressing these issues?

**KR:** We recently passed a renewable energy fund initiative that still needs to be advocated for until passed by the Board of Trustees, thus I have my work cut out for me in that respect. The faculty

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Kesha Ram and DaVaughn Bryan, Wednesday, after they learned of their respective SGA victories.

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Hillary, John and Mitt, the second half of our two-part feature on the U.S. presidential race

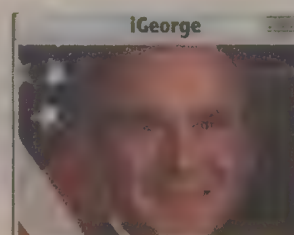
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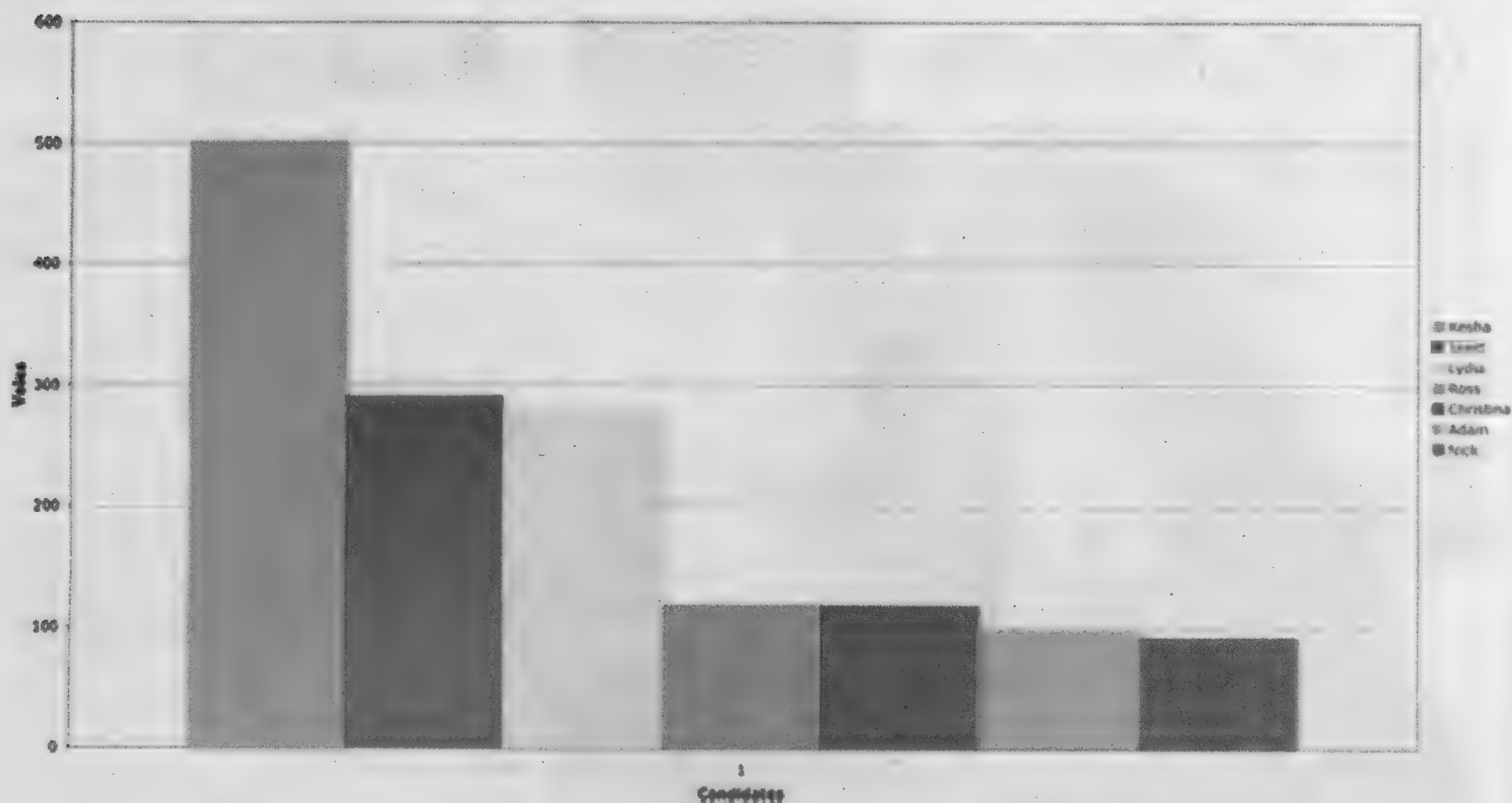
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# Presidential Race Results

Compiled by WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
Assistant News Editor

Presidential Results



## What's Next for Some of the Candidates?

Compiled by VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Cynic Correspondant

**1** How will you continue to pursue the issues that you focused on in your campaign?

**2** What should Kesha Ram and DaVaughn Bryan focus on to begin their term in office?

**3** Why do you think you lost this SGA election?



**Scott McCarty**



**Nick Meltzer**



**Lydia Morin**

**1** I hope to continue my work as a member of the Senate, attack the issues I campaigned on and get stuff done for UVM students on student safety, town-gown relations, tuition and hockey ticket availability.

A big part of my issues was getting elected and having the presidential power to sway opinions. The only thing I can do is push for my ideas both with Kesha and President Fogel in hopes that they recognize the problems and address them accordingly.

I'm going to continue my work with Deac and Mike at Parking and Transportation Services in making the late-night more accessible and safe, and whether or not I'm re-elected, I will continue my work with the Student Neighborhood Liaison Program.

**2** Kesha and DaVaughn ran a great campaign and I commend them on a victory well earned. I hope that on top of the issues that they pledged to focus on, I would like to see them pay particular attention to student safety concerns and the rising cost of tuition.

Remembering that they represent the whole student body, listening to everyone and being as fair as possible while still trying to meet everyone's needs.

I think it will be important that they make a valiant effort to meet and get to know each senator and acknowledge each of their interests, capabilities and strengths so that everyone involved can give to and get the most from the SGA.

**3** Lizzy and I did everything right in this race. There may have been a problem with a division in the Greek vote, but I feel that we ran a great campaign that was positive and issue oriented. I am proud of the campaign we waged and have no regrets.

I probably lost because I didn't reach out to the student body enough and didn't do well on getting my voice heard. I also don't have the street credit on campus that Kesha does. Oh well, maybe next year "haha."

I think the vote was really split. We all knew going in that with seven presidential candidates, anything could happen. I have to say, I'm now really looking forward to my senior year and focusing on the issues about which I am most passionate.

# Ram and Bryan Speak In Power

**Q&A** With the Election

## Winners

Highlights from "The Winning Team Weighs In"

### Diversity

**VC:** You are the first ALANA team of president and vice president. What does this mean to you?

**KR:** It means the world to me! I know there are many people who would rather ignore the role of social identity in our everyday lives, but the small population of ALANA students do not have the privilege of doing so. They are on a campus where their experiences and perspectives are marginalized because they are not salient for the largely white student body. Our election brings ALANA students out of the periphery and into the most powerful leadership role a student can have. Making UVM a more racially and culturally diverse institution is in everyone's best interest and we are fully committed to this cause.

### Institutional Change

**VC:** You've mentioned the idea of a co-presidency a few times. Is this going to be an institutional change you are going to pursue, or just a mindset for your term in office?

**DB:** This is both an institutional change and a mindset for our term in office. Kesha and I bring a multitude of dynamic skills and resources to the roles of leadership that the students have elected us to. Therefore, in order to create a more egalitarian system information, plans and policies will not be developed by just one of us simply because of a title, but in terms of who is best qualified to address the subject matter. Task will be taken on by one if not both of us based on which of us has the knowledge best suited for the task at hand.

### Student Safety

**VC:** In the past year there have been problems with student safety, in what ways do you plan on addressing this reoccurring issue?

**KR:** This is something that many members of Senate are working on, particularly Student Action Chair Sam Maron and Senators Stephanie Harold, Jay Taylor and Seth Corthell. They, and others, have worked on the memorial for Michelle Gardner-Quinn, increased lighting in the campus-downtown corridors, and continued progress for the off-campus bus problems. My job is not to micromanage these aspects of student safety improvement or take credit for what is being done, but to highlight and guide the work of Senators that are doing wonderful things for the student body. A particular concern of mine is violence against women in the Burlington area, and I think we can increase our communication with the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women to address these specific issues.

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diversity curriculum, which will be monumental and will require continued student oversight. DaVaughn and I have very high profiles in the ALANA community and I am well-known by the environmental students, so we really look forward to their suggestions. We're not going to push our own agendas with respect to these issues as much as serve as a link for others.

**VC:** Apart from diversity and environmental issues, what other issues are of primary importance to you?

**KR:** Every issue is important to me, but that is of secondary concern to facilitating progress in respect to the issues that are important to the student body. Therefore, it is important to me that we rebuild bridges to the students by increasing SGA's communication and visibility. For example, we will begin using the presidential e-mails to inform students of the bills we are working on in Senate, their sponsors and the pertinent information we receive from administrators. We also want to experiment with student forums where they have the opportunity to voice their concerns straight to key administrators on issues like police relations, student safety and campus planning.

**VC:** In the same light as the

student safety, the residents of Burlington are beginning to mobilize against the students in regards to the noise. This has been suggested by candidates that ran for SGA and many others in the city as having resulted from the dry dorm policy. Thoughts?

**KR:** Noise problems have always been a wedge between UVM and Burlington residents. I would be interested in assessing the effects of the dry dorm policy to see how much the noise has increased because of it, but I would not feel comfortable saying it was the cause of resident mobilization. No one has the secret to solving this problem, but it is important that this issue is carried over on SGA from one year to the next and that communication is maintained with downtown residents. DaVaughn and I will oversee this transitional process and appoint the most qualified chair of the Committee on Legislative Affairs to take over where Chair Scott McCarty has left off.

**VC:** How is your relationship going to be with the other candidates, especially with many of them vowing plans to run for chair of committees?

**KR:** Oh, if only we could answer that question with certainty! There is no way to know which positions other candidates will pursue and whether they will be the most qualified to serve

in those roles. DaVaughn and I agree that we want to pick the people that are best suited for leadership on the Executive Committee. Our hope is that other candidates do not inhibit SGA's progress if they don't get their way. Many of them stand a good chance for leadership because a major part of the decision will be based on experience and tenure, but there is no way of predicting right now.

**VC:** You were the big supporters behind the new committee on Diversity and Environmental Issues, what else can we expect in your term addressing these issues?

**DaVaughn Bryan:** The Senate will soon be discussing the American Red Cross, their policies and how they may disenfranchise specific students. I plan on ensuring that this process is one based on factual and concrete information. The status of women and campus safety is also a concern to be addressed in the upcoming year. However, as Kesha and I are charged with the responsibility of advocating for students, we look forward to students sharing their concerns with us.

**VC:** You are the first ALANA team of president and Vice President. What does this mean to you?

**DB:** As the first ALANA co-

presidential team, it is my belief that our election brings a wider breadth of voices to the table. We not only represent the student leaders, environmental activists and those who actively promote and work towards social and institution change; We also represent the minority groups across the campus, the LGBTQA community, those who use ACCESS resources as well as students of color - to name a few. We wish to advocate for the broadest spectrum of student needs as possible.

**VC:** In the past year there have been problems with student safety. In what ways do you plan on addressing this reoccurring issue?

**DB:** I believe that the plans being initiated by the Student Action Committee have strong promise; I would like to provide more support to this committee and other senators who have brought innovative ideas to the table. It is my charge to empower, mobilize and organize the senate and student body as there is no one answer that will solve this issue; however, I believe resolutions can be found through continued dialogue driven by those who have an invested desire to have a mutually beneficial goal.

**VC:** What plans do you have to stay connected with the students?

**DB:** There are several ways by which we intend to stay connected to the student body. Firstly, we have each intently chosen our living locations. Kesha will be living off-campus and I on-campus, in order to remain connected to both on-and-off-campus students. I would also like to amass what I call the President's Council. This Council will be an open forum that Kesha and I will convene monthly with the intent to have informal conversations with the leaders of the SGA's 140 student groups. I also foresee the Senate hosting more programs that directly engage students, whether this be an SGA hosted party or setting up tables at which students can ask questions, give feedback, learn more about the SGA and how we might serve you.

**VC:** How is your relationship going to be with the other candidates, especially with many of them vowing plans to run for chair of committees?

**DB:** Neither I nor my co-president have any ill thoughts or feelings towards any of the individuals who opposed us in this election. As for their intentions for applying for committee chairs, Kesha and I will review all applications and select the individuals who best support the goals of the committees in question and the SGA as a whole.



# Upcoming SGA President Awarded Prestigious Truman Scholarship

**UVM upperclassmen and future SGA president brings home \$30,000 from scholarship**

By JESS BARTLETT

Staff Writer

UVM junior Kesha Ram is having what VH1 would call the Best Year Ever.

Not only has the upper classman recently been elected for SGA president, but she has also been the only UVM student in more than a decade to win the Truman Scholarship, a highly prestigious civil service award.

The scholarship is intended to give approximately \$30,000 to college juniors who are planning on careers in civil service. Ram herself has plans to integrate environmental

she found her final answer.

"People in my hometown were suffering with the air and water, kids getting nosebleeds because they lived next to landfills. It really struck a chord with me," Ram said.

Ram admitted that the scholarship process itself was grueling.

Not only are candidates required to write a policy proposal for a specific state, but also required to answer a plethora of questions ranging in intensity from what previous leadership positions they had held to what did they see themselves doing five to ten years after grad school.

Although daunting, Ram said that mapping out her life was very useful.

"I know it sounds corny, but it was really helpful to go through this scholarship process," she said.

From 600 to 700 applicants, the pool is narrowed down to 200 finalists, all of whom are required to travel to Washington, D.C. for a 20 minute interview.

"The interview is very confrontational," Ram said. With a panel of five judges made up of previous Truman Scholars, the questions they ask can be a bit tricky and out of the blue.

"It's because you are going into public service, and there are a lot of people disagreeing with you all the time. They want to see if you are ready for that," Ram said.

From these 200 finalists, the final 75 are picked.

Ram explained that the panel is looking for someone to invest their money in. "You need to convince them that, at whatever cost, you're going to help people," Ram said.

However long and com-

plicated the process may be, Ram admitted that it basically boiled down to one thing: "You just need to know how to talk to people and you have to be passionate," she said.

A previous winner of the Udall Scholarship, given to students in areas of environmental study, Ram, being one of two students to ever win he scholarship in UVM history, was surprised and delighted to win another.

Although somewhat difficult to accomplish, Ram said

*"I've always just sort of been driven to help people. I care a lot about social justice and the environment."*

**-Truman Scholarship recipient Kesha Ram**

that, "winning the scholarships has really opened a lot of doors," helping her to find out about internships and programs otherwise unknown to her.

"If I can do it, anyone can," she said.

It's apparent that the passion Ram feels for her cause shined through in her application. Having personally gone through the scholarship application process twice now, Ram offers any help she can give to future applicants.

"You need to ask yourself, 'does this scholarship fit what I want to do in life?'" Ram said. If that answer is "yes," "there is a whole other world of opportunity for you."



(File photo)

Kesha Ram

justice with civil rights.

"I've always just sort of been driven to help people. I care a lot about social justice and the environment," she professed, saying that the integration of both was where



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Kesha Ram delivers a speech during the presidential debate series held prior to the SGA presidential election.

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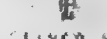
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# Drunk Bus Tests Out New Route on Campus

Route seeks to resolve recent controversial safety issues surrounding the late-night bus

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Cynic Correspondent

In an effort to quell overfilling and unruly behavior, Transportation Services has added a bus and stepped up security on weekend late-night routes.

According to late-night driver Dave Lobdell, up to 80 students at a time have been riding buses that have a safe capacity of 50.

"They pull the doors open after I try to close them," Lobdell said. "It makes the trip up Maple Street particularly hard on the bus, causing all kinds of mechanical problems."

Lobdell regularly experiences students running in front of moving buses and bringing marijuana and open containers of alcohol on board. "This is lawsuit material," he said.

"Students are banging on the sides of buses at the stops," Katherine Decarreau, director of Transportation and Parking Services said. "It makes the drivers think they've hit someone."

According to Decarreau, drivers are liable for what happens on their bus, and many are in fear of losing their commercial drivers' licenses. "That's their livelihood," she pointed out.

Transportation Services recently added a third bus to the late-night route and tripled security at bus stops in attempts to alleviate growing problems, according to Lobdell. And so far it's working.

"Last weekend was the best weekend we've had," Decarreau said, referring to the first weekend new measures were in place. She expects them to remain for the rest of the semester, "unless something goes very

wrong."

SGA has also helped in bringing order to bus stops by talking to students and distributing chocolate and flyers during late-night bus service hours. Lobdell attributes much of the recent improvement to their work.

Lobdell alluded to the possibility of the termination of the late-night route. "There has been talk about it," Lobdell said, "but I think getting kids in and out of the neighborhoods safely is a worthwhile goal."

Student safety has become a primary focus for the late-night bus service. Lobdell made it clear that he has noticed an increase in female passengers since Michelle Gardner-Quinn's kidnapping in September.

*"There has been talk about [terminating] the late-night route, but I think getting kids in and out of the neighborhoods safely is a worthwhile goal."*

-Dave Lobdell, late-night bus driver

Decarreau says termination is unlikely. "With some cooperation from students — by not engaging in unsafe actions and in challenging other students who do — I think we can have a successful system."

The late-night routes were originally added as a way to move students through neighborhoods quietly, and "to maintain good relationships between the University and the people of Burlington," Lobdell said.

Late-night bus service has been available since the fall of 2002. According to Lobdell, overcrowding has always been an issue.

Decarreau says behavior problems began to arise in the 2005-2006 academic year, and have escalated ever since.



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Students packed tightly onto a late-night bus, all of which lately have been experiencing safety issues for students and drivers.

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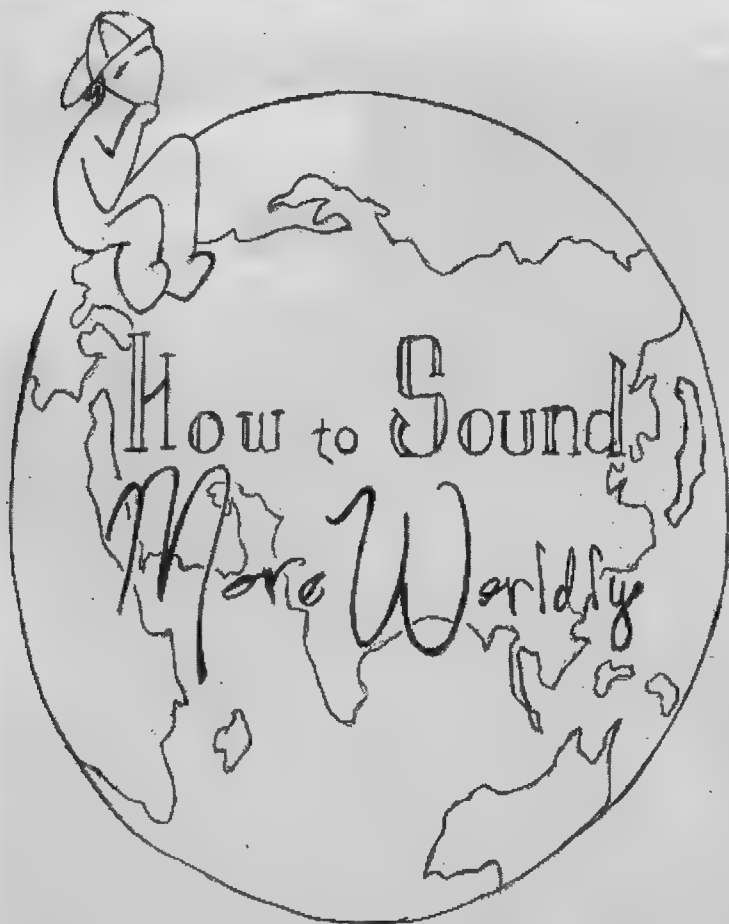


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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • U.S. Increases Tariffs Against China

The United States this week placed a new tariff on Chinese glossy paper imports. The move by the Bush administration is due to allegations that the Chinese are engaging in illegal subsidization of some of the country's imports. The American trade deficit with China is currently \$232.5 billion.

### • Mexico City Expected to Pass Bill Legalizing Abortion

The legislature in Mexico City, heavily dominated by liberals, is expected to legalize abortion in the city within a few weeks. Much debate and protest has surrounded the bill in the historically Roman Catholic city.

### • Death at Rider University

An 18-year-old freshman at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey died on Friday after excessive drinking at Phi Kappa Tau. It is the first death of this kind at Rider University.

### • Former Bush Advisor Disillusioned of Former Boss

Former Bush advisor Matthew Dowd has come forward and publicly criticized the Bush administration's policies. Dowd has said that he believes his faith in the president's leadership now may have been misplaced. Dowd was part of the 2004 Bush campaign and was instrumental in portraying Senator John Kerrey as a flip-flopper.

### • 10,000 Armed Hamas Fighters Occupy Gaza Strip

Hamas has recruited 10,000 fighters to its Executive Force (a type of police force) in the Gaza Strip. They have been constructing tunnels and underground bunkers to smuggle in ground-to-air missiles and military-grade explosives, using tactics from Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group that warred with Israel this past summer.

### • Former Iraqi Leader Critical of U.S.

Former Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi advocated in meetings throughout the Middle East that the Sunni majority needs to be given leadership roles in the Iraqi government. Allawi was put into office by Paul Bremer, and has since commented critically on some of the United States' policies in Iraq.

### • FDA Finds Chemical for Plastic in Pet Food

The Food and Drug Administration has come forward with the findings of its investigation into the recent animal deaths and pet food. According to the FDA in addition to rat poison, they have also found melamine which is a chemical used to make plastic cutlery and fertilizer.

### • Cell Phones to "Scan" Objects

A new type of cell phone technology allowing users to connect everyday objects through their phone to the internet is in use in parts of Asia and in development in the U.S. In Japan, users can point their phones at McDonald's hamburger wrappers and get nutrition facts, as well as get price quotes when they point their phone at ads to receive insurance quotes and board airplanes with their phone instead of tickets.

### • JP2 on His Way to Sainthood

A French nun has come forward and said that a prayer to the late Pope John Paul II has cured her of Parkinson's disease. If the Vatican designates this as a miracle, John Paul II will be on the road to being named a saint by the Catholic Church.

### • Bill Clinton Sent to Fund-Raise to Counter Obama

Former President Bill Clinton has attended 16 fund-raisers in the last few weeks to benefit democratic presidential candidate and wife Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign. His attendance at the fund-raisers is due to Senator Clinton's concern about Senator Barack Obama's fund-raising.

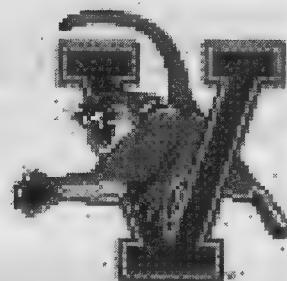
### • New Report Cites a Growing Climate Divide Between Rich and Poor Countries

A United Nations body called the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that has been assessing global warming since 1990 will release a new report highlighting a growing climate divide between wealthy and poor countries, with wealthier countries experiencing fewer effects and having the ability to withstand them more effectively.

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# PRELIMINARY PROFILES

BY DAVE SACHS  
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**THE RACE IS ON**, and democracy begins with knowledge. *The Vermont Cynic's* two part feature continues this week, examining three of the front running candidates: John Edwards and Hillary Clinton (Democrats, in blue) and Mitt Romney (Republican, in red).

The "Dean Scream" portion of each profile describes possible achilles heels for each candidate (harkening back to Howard Dean's infamous roar, which ended his 2004 bid for president) provided by UVM political science professor John P. Burke.

Out of the countless issues confronting voters, *The Vermont Cynic* chose four important to the UVM population. These four are not, by any means, the most or the only critical issues facing college students today — it is important to decide for oneself on what basis to choose a candidate. This feature aims to provide a starting point on the long path to the ballot box.

## HILLARY CLINTON

### War in Iraq

"I came back from Iraq more determined than ever to stop the president's escalation of troops into Iraq, and to start the long overdue redeployment of troops out of Iraq."

Former First Lady of the United States as well as of Arkansas, Lawyer

#### What she's done:

- Voted YES on initial Iraq War bill
- Introduced Iraq Troop Reduction & Protection Act of 2007

### Same Sex Marriage

"I think that the vast majority of Americans find [gay marriage] to be something they can't agree with. But I think most Americans are fair. And if they believe that people in committed relationships want to share their lives and, not only that, have the same rights that I do in my marriage, to decide who I want to inherit my property or visit me in a hospital, I think that most Americans would think that that's fair and that should be done."

#### What she's done:

- Voted NO on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage
- Co-sponsored Non-Discrimination Act



### Environment

"I support policies to diversify our energy supplies by investing in renewable energy technologies such as wind and solar development, advanced energy technologies such as clean coal and hydrogen fuel cells, and promoting environmentally responsible recovery of oil and gas resources."

#### What she's done:

- Served on the Environment and Public Works Committee
- Co-introduced the Comprehensive National Mercury Monitoring Act
- Introduced legislation to create a "Strategic Energy Fund"
- Voted YES on including oil & gas smokestacks in mercury regulations



### Abortion

"One reason I continue to oppose efforts to criminalize abortion is that I do not believe any government should have the power to dictate, through law or police action, a woman's most personal decision."

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## DEAN SCREAM:

Iraq, Iraq, Iraq. Plus the "two for one" — Hillary and Bill — that worked in 1992, may turn off some voters (or inspire more), hard to tell. Has often had a political "tin ear": the health care plan she shepherded in 1993 to 1994 was a complete political fiasco. Political commentators often see her as being too "staged" and "guarded."

### INFORMATION GATHERED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

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<http://www.votesmart.org>  
<http://www.hillaryclinton.com>  
<http://www.johnedwards.com>  
<http://www.mittromney.com>  
<http://www.cnn.com>  
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# JOHN EDWARDS

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## War in Iraq

"America can once again be looked up to and respected around the world. The first step is by immediately withdrawing 40,000 to 50,000 troops from Iraq, with the complete withdrawal of all combat troops from Iraq within 12-18 months — allowing the Iraqis to assume greater responsibility for rebuilding their own country."

### What he's done:

- Voted YES on Iraq War
- Voted NO on capping foreign aid at \$12.7 billion

## Same Sex Marriage

"I believe there is a fundamental right to privacy. I do not believe the government belongs in people's bedrooms. I think that applies to both gay and lesbian couples and heterosexual couples."

### What he's done:

- Voted NO on constitutional ban on same sex marriage

## Environment

"Unlike President Bush, I support strong environmental protection, higher CAFE standards, protection of ANWR, and American leadership in the world's battle against global warming."

### What he's done:

- Platform for 2008 includes a comprehensive plan to pass a cap that will reduce emissions by 80 percent by mid-century; also calls "for an aggressive energy efficiency plan that will meet all of America's growing energy needs, while requiring that a quarter of our nation's electricity is produced from renewables by 2025."
- Voted NO on more funding for forest roads and fish habitat
- Voted YES on Bush Administration Energy Policy
- Voted YES on taking away funds from renewable and solar energy

## Abortion

"I support a woman's right to choose and believe that this right is constitutionally protected. I also support funding for family planning."

### What he's done:

- Voted NO on criminal penalty for harming unborn fetus during another crime
- Voted NO on maintaining ban on military base abortions
- Voted NO on banning partial birth abortions



## DEAN SCREAM:

Recent news of the return of his wife's cancer, which has now spread into her bones is terrible (and serious). Unclear how voters will react. Long history before politics as a civil injury lawyer may turn off voter. Is one term in the Senate, and no other political background enough? Articulation may seem like "slickness" to some voters. Advantage of "been there, done that" may be "yesterday's news" for others. Will John Kerry endorse him?

# MITT ROMNEY

Former Governor of Massachusetts  
CEO of Bain & Company Management and Consulting Firm  
Co-Founder of Bain Capital Private Equity Investment Firm

## War in Iraq

"Our desire to bring our troops home, safely and soon, is met with our recognition that if Iraq descends into all-out civil war, millions could die ... I believe that so long as there is a reasonable prospect of success, our wisest course is to seek stability in Iraq, with additional troops endeavoring to secure the civilian population."

### What he's done:

- Has claimed that withdraw from Iraq would be a mistake
- Supported war at first, believes Bush did not give adequate reasoning for war

## Same Sex Marriage

"Throughout our history, when our country needed us, Americans have stepped forward, standing up to every challenge. We step forward by expressing tolerance and respect for all God's children, regardless of their differences and choices. At the same time, because every child deserves a mother and a father, we step forward by recognizing that marriage is between a man and a woman."

### What he's done:

- Put gay marriage ban into GOP platform
- Opposed Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling in favor of gay marriage, but upheld the law
- Stated that same sex domestic partners should be recognized in a way that includes health benefits and rights of survivorship

## Environment

"Our environment has not been cleaned the way it could be ... everything I've done over the last three years, I think, makes it clear that I'm very much connected with the people of our country and the people of our world."

### What he's done:

- Opposed Cape Wind offshore wind power plant in Nantucket Sound for fear of decreasing property values on Nantucket
- Proposed Climate Protection Plan to encourage Massachusetts citizens and requiring state agencies and businesses to reduce CO2 emissions
- Appointed environmental advocate and former president of the Conservation Law Foundation Douglas I. Foy to head of Massachusetts State Department
- Originally supported Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative for New England, but withdrew support in December of 2005

## Abortion

"On a personal basis, I don't favor abortion. However, as governor of the commonwealth [of Massachusetts], I will protect a woman's right to choose under the laws of the country and the commonwealth. That's the same position I've had for many years."

### What he's done:

- Endorsed legalization of abortion drug RU-486
- Vetoed bill requiring ER doctors to offer abortion medication to rape victims



## DEAN SCREAM:

He was governor, but of Massachusetts? Is that blue state going to ring well to GOP voters? Has flip-flopped on gay rights and abortion rights. At least right now he is the more conservative of the top three GOP front-runners, but unfortunately his Mormon religion may be an issue among the conservative GOP religious right base. 1960 and Kennedy's Catholicism all over again, but 48 years later. Ironically, compared to McCain and Giuliani, he is the only top three candidate married to his first wife.



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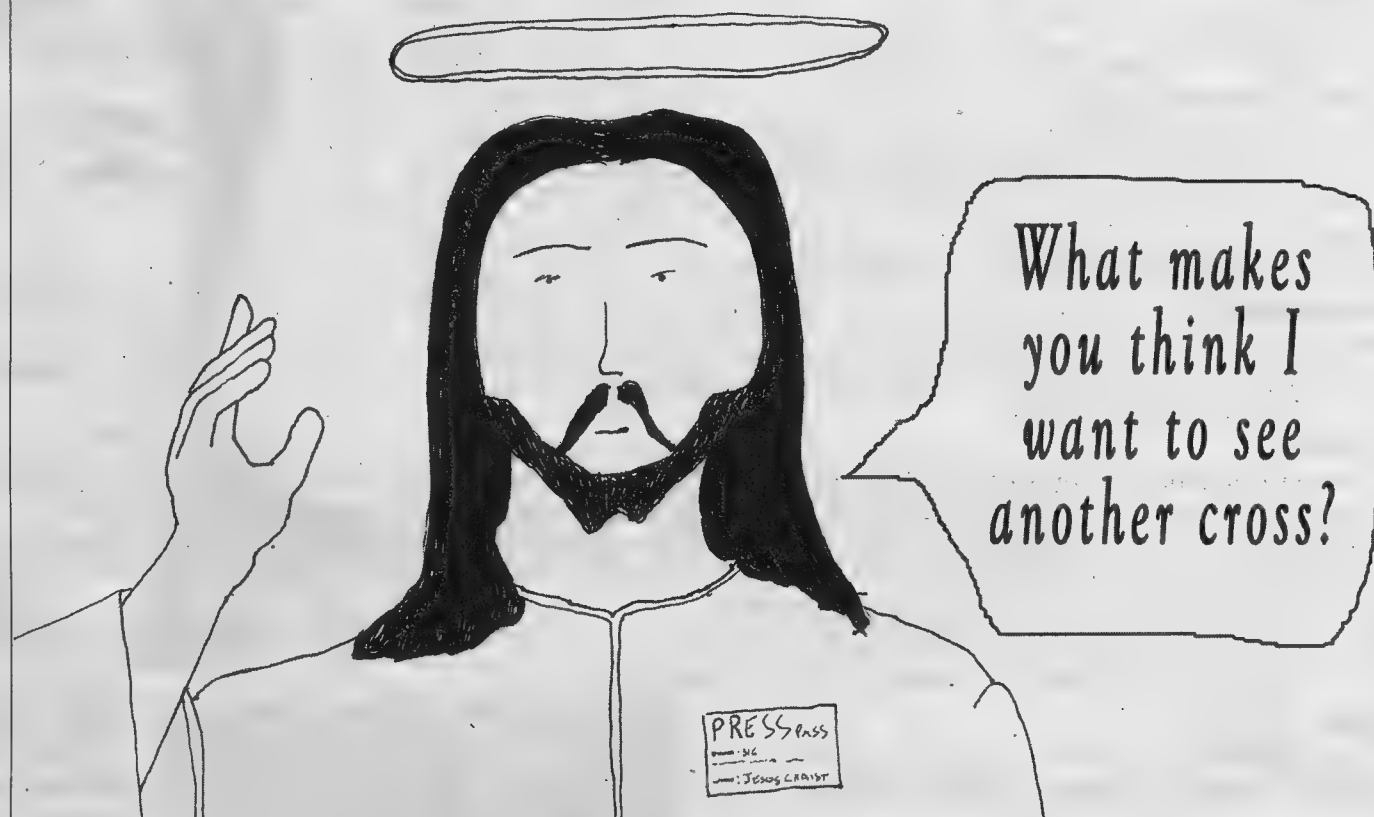
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### The Cynic's disturbing quote of the week

"A year ago my approval rating was in the 30s," my nominee for the Supreme Court had just withdrawn and my vice president had shot someone. Ah, those were the good ol' days."

-President George W. Bush at the annual White House radio and television correspondents' dinner

# What Would Jesus Ask: Christians?



## iGeneration

Meredith Rivlin - Arts & Entertainment Editor

I think it is the combination of being cheap and stubborn that has kept me from updating my iLife with more iTechnology. While these white rectangles of wonder are tempting and hard to escape, I have managed to come this far surviving on tangible music: music that comes in a compact disc or vinyl that I can hold in my hand and, yes, scratch, if I don't hold it carefully.

It was with the inception of the iPod Shuffle when I transformed from just being too cheap to buy the latest technology to conscientiously boycotting iPods and other MP3 players. Let me state, for the record, that I have previously owned, and still have in my possession, a Zen Creative MP3 player, which a former friend convinced me to buy during a financially comfortable time in my life. After uploading hours of albums onto this large, 3gig device (it wasn't smaller than an entire wallet, let alone a credit card), the technical difficulties commenced: only when squeezed shut did the little devil work, and the second pressure was not applied, it automatically shut off and I packed CDs with me on long car rides.

As a music fan, there is nothing I would rather do — save buying new CDs — than take my plastic compact friends for a long drive and listen to them from start to finish, intro to outro, as the artist had intended. Monet's "Water Lillies" looks much better as a complete canvas than as pieces of a whole, taken separately. This is how albums work when the artist treats them as a final piece of art. Track number five was placed between four and six for a reason. And while it might not be your favorite on the album, it works; it communicates with every other track on the album in an aurally pleasing symbiosis.

It is largely due to the iPod and iPod Shuffle that my generation has ceased listening to entire albums and they will prevent younger generations from ever doing so. Once uploaded onto the Shuffle, the select songs are ones that the listener likes, the "best of" collection of the listener's downloaded albums. Was that Modest Mouse album not upbeat enough for you? Then take the liveliest tracks and run with it (literally). Feeling down? Every album has a slow ballad, pick your poison. Can't get that one tune out of your head? Be sure

it's on your shuffle ... throw in the live recording for good measure.

When a person decides to be an upstanding member of society and pays for their music via iTunes, the songs are priced individually or by album. But are people buying albums online as often as they used to buy in person? Or do they figure \$.99 is a great deal for 3 minutes of entertainment?

If my painting metaphor was not clear, buying one song from an album is like buying one page from a book, or one scene from a movie. In this case, merely buying "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" could be comparable to buying the part in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" when Hunter S. Thomson drives through "bat country." Taken separately, they are both entertaining. However, out of context, they go no further than mere entertainment.

This all explains my reasoning for urging, to the point of being obnoxious, friends to buy albums (whether in a record store or, if need be, online). Hopefully I'm not the only music junkie out there who gets excited over an album's liner notes and who knows what an "eject" button is.

## Why You Need to Take Astronomy

Christina Bosch - Life & Style Editor

Astronomy 005. The format of this twice-a-week lecture capped at 150 has changed several times, but I can probably envision this fall's class pretty accurately.

A semi-full Angell lecture hall, where the front, lower half of the room closest to the teacher actually tries to understand — or at least listen to — the explanation of the equation constituting the Chandrasekhar limit. Meanwhile, the more physically elevated students in the back of the room make seating charts to plan a fortified network of oh-so-subtle information passing during the next quiz.

Most students (particularly majors in the College of Arts not Sciences) sign up for "Exploring the Cosmos" as an easy and "maybe sort of interesting" way to fulfill the science requirement, with minimal math contact.

Yet introductory astronomy ends up being an utter disaster for a lot of students, from the bewildered English majors in the front section to the stragglers that do not manage to integrate themselves into the

established cheating vectors in the rear.

I even have some friends at other schools whose attempted forays into astronomy failed miserably. Among those who have embarked on the journey, the general consensus seems to be that intro astronomy courses "suck" for whatever multitude of reasons: the combined nuances of physics, chemistry and math; difficulty grasping the mind-bogglingly big concepts of our mind-bogglingly big universe; reading and homework.

Astronomy friends, I am here to tell you that I have seen the light. If you couldn't really hack it in ASTR 005, don't let it discourage the pursuit of your interest, however slight, in something you know you thought was cool (black holes). I haven't touched math in five years, barely got a B- in 005, and now I'm rocking out in ASTR 195 + 5 = 200!!

So, if you: look up at a clear sky sometimes at night and say, "Wow, there are a lot of stars"; are from a city and didn't really know that there are a lot of stars; like to go camping; read your non-Water-

tower horoscope; are religious; are in any CDAE class; have dabbled (however secretly) in any sci-fi; think explosions are cool; have ever been or want to be abducted by aliens; are into alternative ways of expanding your mind; consider yourself an aloof intellectual or are a wannabe, ASTRONOMY IS FOR YOU.

The Astronomy department at UVM is so tiny, you can't even find it on UVM's "A to Z" listing of supposedly everything. A subset of the physics department, it is comprised of only three professors, all of whom are rad — a hologram maker, a would-be stand up comedian and calendar aficionado — and posses awesome amounts of understanding, knowledge, experience and, most importantly, interest in their field.

Did you know: there is a "cosmic symphony at the heart of all reality?" Sign up for an astronomy class at UVM and begin to understand this and nothing less than your whole life.

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

# Get the Police Off *Our* Campus

Too often have I heard stories of police officers on campus that I find disturbing and alarming.



Who hasn't been accosted without merit? Who hasn't themselves or had a friend who has gotten in trouble with the law on shaky legal grounds? Who hasn't had a cop try to trick them into confessing guilt or turning over evidence against them for a minor drug or alcohol charge? Who hasn't suffered some sort of abuse on the part of those in charge of enforcing the law?

Yet I do not disagree with

a police presence on campus solely because of some distrust of officers of the law. On the contrary, I feel that, while there are a few bad apples among their numbers, most police are good-natured and well intentioned. And while these occasional incidences of unsavory conduct colors my view on the matter, there is a much deeper issue at hand.

I object because I feel like there is an injustice in having to tolerate an arm of the government among us at all times.

I find the presence of police within the confines of the University as disturbing as if I found an officer of the law within my own home. After all,

the University is my home; as such I should endure only the laws of conduct and govern-

*It should be the responsibility of the students of this university to account for our own behavior and be allowed to impose our own shared ideas of governance.*

ment that would normally apply to private residences.

Like speech, religion and property, privacy is a right.

Just as we would not toler-

ate a university that imposes limits on our ability to speak our minds, neither should we tolerate one which imposes limits upon our right to act beyond the eyes of those in authority; to have sanctuary from the pervasive tentacles of the government.

But more and more that right is being eroded.

Every year, greater liberties are being granted for police to act with impunity on campus, and for residential directors and advisors to enter our rooms under ill-supported suspicions of misconduct.

Why is this? What have we done to relinquish — or at least loosen our grip upon — our claim to privacy? What vast

misdeeds have been carried out, what crimes have been committed?

There is no justification for our being closely scrutinized, guarded and controlled by police at the allowance of our University.

And it truly is our University. We are the primary backers of this institution. We pay its colossal tuition, run its clubs and we are its body and classes. It should be the responsibility of the students of this university to account for our own behavior and be allowed to impose our own shared ideas of governance.

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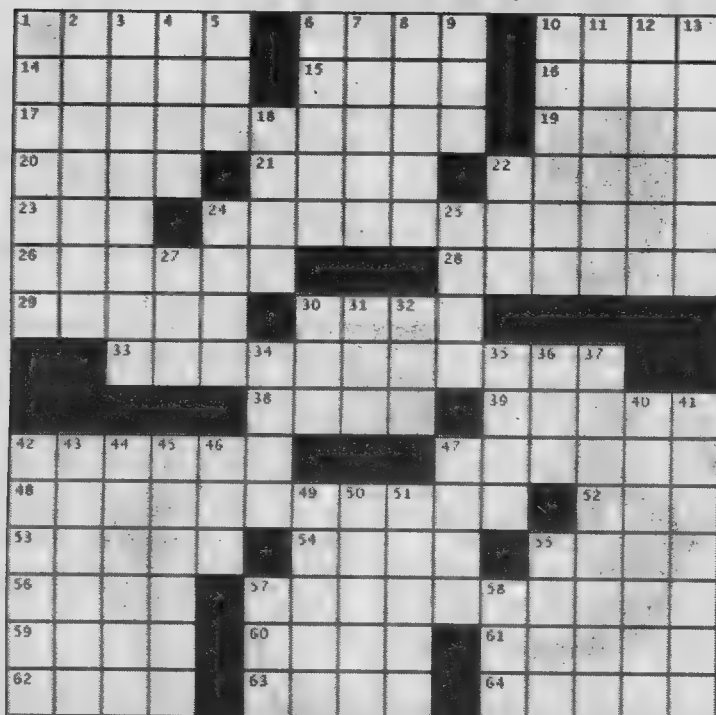
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### ACROSS

- 1- Pineapple fiber  
6- Move slowly  
10- Wander  
14- Alloy of iron and carbon  
15- Drill a hole  
16- Small purse  
17- Person in charge of circus ring  
19- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy  
20- Exclamation to express sorrow  
21- Prez's second  
22- Seizes with teeth  
23- And so on  
24- Transuranic element  
26- Linger aimlessly  
28- Potemkin setting  
29- Bury  
30- Shout in derision  
33- North American birch  
38- More than one female sheep  
39- Hives  
42- Wrinkle  
47- Large sandwich  
48- Harried  
52- Woman created from the rib of Adam  
53- City in Nebraska  
54- Information  
55- School founded in 1440  
56- Ascended, flower  
57- Wipe out  
59- Manipulator  
60- Curse

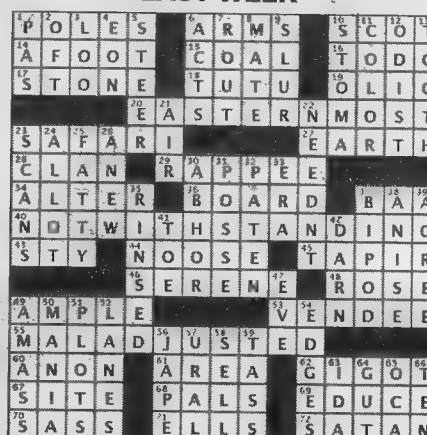
- 61- Taxes, e.g.  
62- Shrivelled, without moisture  
63- Fastens a knot  
64- Leg joints

### DOWN

- 1- Sharon, e.g.  
2- Rich white cheese  
3- Property of being tenacious  
4- Race parts  
5- Shade tree  
6- Norwegian dramatist  
7- Well-known  
8- Classy pancake  
9- That woman  
10- Experience again  
11- Inflammation of the ear  
12- Gold coin of ancient Rome  
13- Poisonous effluvia  
18- Affirm solemnly  
22- Night spot  
24- Blackbird  
25- Monetary unit of Lesotho  
27- Peg used on the first in golf  
30- In what way  
31- Be in the red  
32- Delivery room docs  
34- Lip-curling facial expression  
35- Regretted  
36- French vineyard  
37- Make blunt  
40- Follower

- 41- Unity  
42- Refrain  
43- Branching  
44- Rubber  
45- Stay attached  
46- Mineral spring  
47- 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
49- Boredom  
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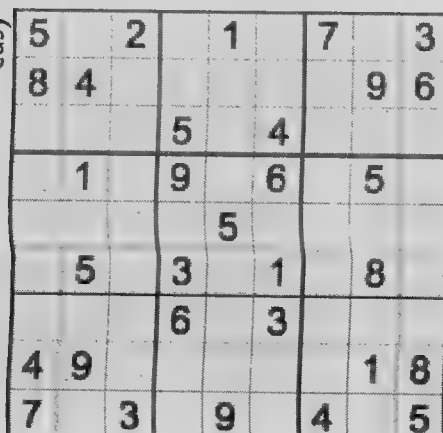
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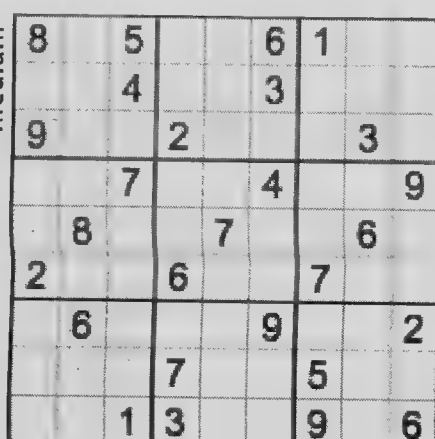
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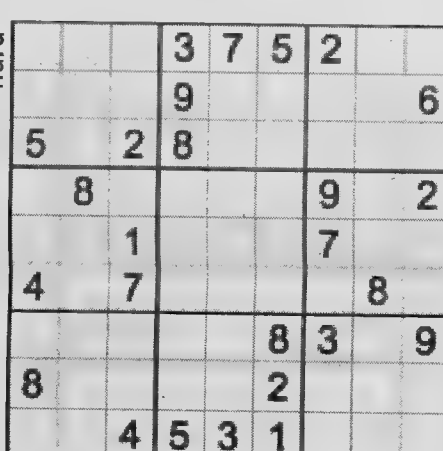
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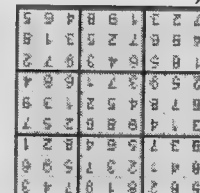
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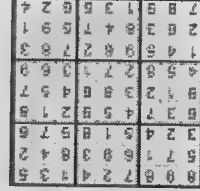
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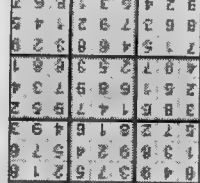
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## College Gourmet



## ...Thai Chicken Curry

### FOR STARTERS:

This is one of the most satisfying meals one can eat. It is rich without being heavy and the flavor layers within each bite are unreal. Thai food is generally based around the "Four Flavors" — hot, sour, salty and sweet; if you ever go to Thailand and eat, available to you will be the condiments of dried chile flakes, sliced chiles in vinegar, fish sauce called nam pla, and lastly, sugar. This recipe certainly encompasses these four flavors, and it is SO EASY to make. All of the ingredients can be found in City Market and Healthy Living, or any Asian foods section of a grocery store. This can also be made with shrimp instead of chicken. Serve this dish with rice.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon peanut oil  
1 cup thinly sliced onion  
1 cup chopped scallion  
1 or 2 tablespoons Thai green curry paste (this can be very spicy, so use to taste)

- 1 can unsweetened coconut milk  
1 cup chicken broth  
3 tablespoons Thai fish sauce  
2 teaspoons sugar  
1 cup diced tomatoes  
2 chicken breasts, tenderized and cut into either strips or chunks  
fresh cilantro  
lime wedges

### COOKING DIRECTIONS:

Heat oil over medium-high heat. Add sliced onion and stir-fry until soft and beginning to brown. Reduce heat to medium, add the curry paste and stir until fragrant. Add the coconut milk, chicken broth, fish sauce and sugar; bring to a boil. Add the tomatoes and continue to boil for two more minutes. Add the chicken pieces, reduce heat and cook until chicken is done. Add rice to bowls, ladle this out on top, and serve with lime wedges and fresh chopped cilantro. Enjoy every bite.

## Seasons In Review '06-'07



### Men's Hockey

By JOSH APPELBAUM

### Women's Basketball

By NICK DECARO

### Women's Hockey

By CORY WILLIAMS

### Men's Basketball

By KAT WILLIAMS

Falling to #8 BU in the deciding third game of the Hockey East quarterfinals, the #19 University of Vermont men's hockey team finished the 06-07 campaign with an overall record of 18-16-5 (12-10-5 Hockey East).

#### Torrey Mitchell and Joe Fallon

Mitchell, a junior co-captain, led the team in scoring with 35 points (12 goals, 23 assists) on his way to earning a Hockey East All-Star honorable mention.

Fallon, a junior goaltender, was the team's backbone, finishing the year with a 17-14-3 record. His 1.86 goals against average ranked third in the country. His six shutouts extended his own school record of career shutouts to 17.

#### Head coach Kevin Sneddon

"What a great series it was. Obviously it's tough to be on the losing end, especially after our team did such a nice job of digging themselves out of a 2-0 deficit," Sneddon said "I'm just so proud of our team."

"It's hard for me to go in there and tell them how well they did because they are hurting pretty bad in there right now."

#### Sweeping then #7 Boston College at home Jan. 19 and 20

After being swept at home by then #4 New Hampshire on Jan. 5 and 6, the Cats rebounded to upset the Eagles at home with a couple of thrilling 3-2 and 4-3 victories. The then #14 Cats solidified their playoff aspirations and rode the ensuing wave of momentum all the way to the Hockey East quarterfinals.

Despite going just 8-8-2 at home, the Cats saw their sellout streak at Gutterson Fieldhouse reach 57 consecutive games.

UVM finished with a 19-12 record overall, 8-8 in America East play, third place in the conference. Vermont won its quarterfinal match up in the conference tournament, but then fell in the semifinals to eventual champions UMBC.

#### Brittney Cross, Courtney Pilypaitis and May Kotsopoulos

Cross averaged 9.5 points and 4.1 assists. She led the team with 71 steals.

Pilypaitis lead the team in scoring, averaging 13.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game.

Fellow freshman Kotsopoulos averaged 10.9 points a game and 2.9 rebounds a game.

#### Head coach Sharon Dawley

"I'm disappointed we don't have another game to play," Dawley said. "Yet, I'm not disappointed with what we accomplished this season."

#### Winning the URI Invitational

After an upset win against then #22 Boston College, the Cats came back to win the URI Invitational.

After that game the Cats were able to win nine of their next eleven games.

The Cats received strong play from its deep bench. Junior Sara Fenton, Senior co-captain Alison Brown, sophomore Kelli Poles, freshman Sofia Iwobi and Alissa Sheftic, junior Nicole Trott, and sophomore Sarah Madey all made contributions for the Cats.

### Record

### Most Valuable Players

The Women's hockey program experienced a difficult season, with an overall record of 3-27-2, and a conference record of 1-19-1. They were shut out 17 times

#### Chelsea Furlani and Karen Sentoff

Furlani, a freshman from Colchester, Vt., led the team in both goals and points, six and 10, respectively.

Sentoff, a junior assistant captain, was close behind, gaining nine points, including six assists.

#### Head coach Tim Bothwell

"Throughout the season we made some positive strides and we need to continue to move forward," Bothwell said. "All of us have a lot of work ahead this off season."

#### Winning over UConn and Sweeping Sacred Heart

On January 4, the Cats won 3-2 against the University of Connecticut in a hard-fought battle.

UVM's best weekend came in late October, when they swept a two game series against Sacred Heart at home.

First-year head coach Tim Bothwell spent 11 years as a defenseman in the NHL, playing for the New York Rangers, St. Louis Blues, and the Hartford Whalers.

Bothwell also was an assistant coach on the 2006 Canadian Women's Hockey team that won the gold medal in Torino.

UVM matched the most-wins record in school history with 25.

With a 15-1 regular season record, the Cats were named America East Regular Season Champions.

#### Chris Holm and Mike Trimboli

Senior Chris Holm broke the school single season rebounding record with an average of 12.2 rebounds per game.

Holm finished with 401 offensive and defensive rebounds combined, while averaging 10.6 points per game.

He recorded 16 double-doubles this season and making him one of only 12 players in the nation to average a double-double.

Sophomore captain Trimboli led the team in points, averaging 15.8 points per game, and steals, with 62 on the season.

Trimboli was voted America East's Fan's Choice Player of the Year and was second highest scorer in the conference.

#### Head coach Mike Lonergan

"We got by all year having some of our weaknesses, but we rebounded well," Lonergan said. "We didn't rebound well today, which exposed our foul shooting."

#### America East Championships

The Cats defeated Hartford in the quarterfinals (81-62) and downing UMBC in the semifinals (72-63) to bring the Championship game back to Patrick.

Coach Mike Lonergan was named America East's Coach of the Year and National Association of Basketball Coaches District I Coach of the Year.

He also was a finalist for the Hugh Durham Mid-Major Coach of the Year award.

Coach Lonergan lead the Cats to the America East Championship Title game for the second year in a row, posting a 38-23 game record.

### What the Coach Has to Say

### Season Highlight

### Interesting Fact



## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell A column by The Cynic Sports Staff

#### Good Week for Old Timers By NICK DECARO

Ken Griffey Jr. returned to the Cincinnati Reds lineup for the first time last Saturday in a new position, right field.

For the first time in a long time Griffey Jr. is healthy to start the season, and if he can avoid injury this season he may crack the 600 HR plateau.

Unlike so many arrogant, money hoarding big shots that shame the MLB, Griffey has learned to play for the love of the game.

Junior is known for his spider-man like wall climbs in center and his smooth swing.

He represents all that MLB is about. You never hear his name in steroid talk or any other slander.

He's one of the few "Good Guys" of baseball.

The 37-year-old has taken time to enjoy and give back to the game that has given him so much.

Too bad Barry Bonds and A-Rod aren't paying any attention.

#### Good Week for Shaq By KAT WILLIAMS

Shaquille O'Neal shot past Reggie Miller for 12th place on the NBA scoring list during the Miami Heat game last Monday against the Atlanta Hawks.

Unfortunately for Atlanta, Shaq made a season high 12 of 20 from the free throw line and went five of nine from the floor.

He finished with a double-double, 22 points and 11 rebounds, and led the Heat to a 106-89 victory over the Hawks to beat them for the third time this month.

O'Neal's total career points total now stands at 25,291.

#### Bad Week for Night Bathing By CORY WILLIAMS

Former Red Sox closer Ugueth Urbina was sentenced to 14 years in a Venezuelan prison after being convicted on charges of attempted murder.

Urbina came home one night to find his ranch workers bathing in his pool without his permission, and allegedly rounded up a group of friends to kill the offending workers with machetes.

Urbina's lawyer claims he was sleeping at the time, yet the defense didn't hold in court.

It's safe to say that Urbina, 30th on the all-time saves list with 237, won't be pitching in the major leagues ever again.

#### Bad Week for Appendages

Mark Prior, once thought of as a staff ace for the Chicago Cubs, was demoted to Triple-A Iowa for the start of the season.

Prior has been battling injuries that have derailed his arm, and is now a shadow of his former self.

His fastball hasn't broken 90 miles per hour all spring.

Prior will work on his pitch speed while Wade Miller gets the fifth spot in the Cubs' rotation.

# "Chill" Out in Ultimate Fashion

## The ultimate frisbee team has dominated their competition and look ahead to nationals

By DENNIS ROBILLARD

Senior Staff Writer

For a team with no budget or funding from the Student Government Association the men's ultimate frisbee team sure does get around.

Over Spring Break the men's team was successful enough in tournaments in Maryland and Georgia to have members thinking about nationals.

They drew comparisons to the storied Ultimate teams of the early 1990s, when they went to nationals several years in a row.

"We were never lacking in individual talent but we played like a team of individuals," team captain Henry Melcher said in regards to the recent

success of the team.

After departing Burlington on Friday afternoon, the team trekked to the Huck of the Irish Tournament in Salisbury, Maryland to compete against the likes of national powers Johns Hopkins University and Brandeis.

On the first day of competition, the team finished a strong 4-1 in competition, finishing second in their pool.

The strong play gave them a push to the second day when they knocked off Air Force before falling to SUNY-Albany in the quarterfinals.

The Huck of the Irish Tournament served as mere warm-up for High Tide Tournament in Savannah, Georgia from March 13-15.

Team Chill, as the team calls itself, finished a remarkable six in a field of 32 teams.

Indisputably the highlight of the tournament, was an epic game against regional powerhouse Bucknell University.

After trading points for most of the game, Bucknell gained a lead 12-9 late in the first-to-13 match.

UVM managed to storm back and tie the game at 12, forcing "Universe Point."

According to Ultimate rules, Universe point is an unlimited time, sudden-death tiebreaker, with no substitutions, and no time-outs.

Even with the added pressure, UVM maintained its composure as Bucknell started to falter.

"Bucknell was getting tired so they just started throwing bombs downfield, but we just kept pushing back, going with the flow," said Melcher.

After almost 15 minutes of Universe Point, lone senior Elias Altman sent a toss through a crowd to Melcher, ending the match.

The win was one of the biggest for UVM in recent memory.

"The next day teams were coming up and talking to us about that game and asking

what we were doing for nationals," said Melcher, "word had gotten around."

Melcher and co-captain junior Doug Brown credit a strong freshman class, renewed intensity in training and the guidance of coach Ray Coffey for the strong showings.

"Rayquon [Coffey] just exudes confidence," said Melcher, "he plays on the local Burlington Club team ... he's like a music producer helping a band with us."

With the convincing performances over spring break Team Chill looks forward to upcoming tournaments at Yale and Williams College.

Chill also anticipates a scrimmage against the strong local Burlington Club Ultimate Frisbee team on April 15 at Moulton Winder Field.

Until then, you'll be able to find members hawking Frisbees and stickers with the team's "Chill" logo outside the library, raising funds for their next dominating adventure.

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# SCOREBOARD

## THIS WEEK AT UVM (4.3-4.9)

### Tuesday (4.3)

Baseball vs. Plattsburgh St. (3p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse vs. Dartmouth (4p.m.)

### Thursday (4.5)

Softball vs. Siena (2) (2p.m.)

### Saturday (4.7)

Track and Field @ UNH Invitational (11:00a.m.)  
Softball @ Hartford (12p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse @ Binghamton (1p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse @ LeMoyne (11a.m.)  
Softball @ Hartford (2p.m.)  
Baseball vs. New York Tech (2) (12p.m.)

### Sunday (4.1)

Baseball vs. New York Tech (2) (12p.m.)  
Softball @ Hartford (12p.m.)

## LAST WEEK (3.27-4.2)

### Men's Lacrosse

3-6 (0-1 A-East)	
vs. Brown (3.27)	Loss
UVM	1-2-0-1 - 4
Brown	3-3-3-4 - 13
vs. Stony Brook (3.31)	Loss
UVM	2-1-0-1 - 4
Stony Brook	3-1-2-3 - 9

### Women's Lacrosse

3-7 (0-1 A-East)	
vs. Siena (3.28)	Win
UVM	9-10-19
Siena	5-3-8
@ UNH (3.31)	Loss
UVM	5-3-8
UNH	8-8-16

### Baseball

6-11 (0-0 A-East)	
@ CCSU (3.27)	Loss
UVM	000-000-0 - 0
CCSU	800-001-X - 7
@ CCSU (3.27)	Loss
UVM	100-101-0 - 3
CCSU	000-307-X - 10
@ Sacred Heart (3.31)	Loss
UVM	003-100-0 - 4
Sacred Heart	210-000-2 - 5
@ Sacred Heart (3.31)	Win
UVM	100-300-0 - 4
Sacred Heart	000-200-0 - 2

### Softball

8-14 (1-1 A-East)	
@ Stony Brook (3.31)	Win
UVM	002-020-0 - 4
Stony Brook	000-000-0 - 0
@ Stony Brook (3.31)	Loss
UVM	000-000-2 - 2
Stony Brook	001-101-X - 3

## CONFERENCE STANDINGS

### A-East Men's Lacrosse

1. Albany	8-0 (2-0)
2. Stony Brook	5-1 (1-0)
3. Binghamton	2-4 (1-0)
4. UMBC	4-4 (0-1)
5. Vermont	3-6 (0-1)
6. Hartford	1-7 (0-2)

### A-East Women's Lacrosse

1. UNH	5-4 (2-0)
2. Stony Brook	8-1 (1-0)
3. Albany	5-4 (1-0)
4. Boston U.	4-4 (1-0)
5. Vermont	3-7 (0-1)
6. UMBC	3-7 (0-2)
7. Binghamton	0-7 (0-2)

### A-East Baseball

1. Binghamton	6-5-0 (0-0-0)
2. Albany	8-10-0 (0-0-0)
3. UMBC	7-12-0 (0-0-0)
4. Stony Brook	6-11-0 (0-0-0)
5. Vermont	6-11-0 (0-0-0)
6. Maine	5-14-0 (0-0-0)
7. Hartford	3-14-0 (0-0-0)

### A-East Softball

1. Hartford	11-11-0 (2-0-0)
2. Boston U.	17-8-0 (1-1-0)
3. Albany	14-7-0 (1-1-0)
4. UMBC	14-7-0 (1-1-0)
5. Stony Brook	13-9-0 (1-1-0)
6. Maine	16-16-0 (1-1-0)
7. Vermont	8-14-0 (1-1-0)
8. Binghamton	3-12-0 (0-2-0)



## The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

## Cubs Win and the Reaping Begins

CHICAGO, April 1, 2059 —

After most seasons, a .666 winning percentage is anything but remarkable, a seemingly pedestrian statistic that, if anything, jumps out as a low-ball number for a World Series champion. In light of the Cubs' World Series win last October, however, this number seems to turn more and more heads.

Frankly, I can't believe it wasn't noticed sooner. Now, six months and six plagues later, it is all falling into place.

The untrained eye can see plainly that the Cubs' first World Series championship in 150 years has since sparked off more than the usual increase in ad revenue, merchandising, and season ticket sales. The long-awaited victory has wrought the makings of Apocalypse.

Yesterday, the Vatican went so far as to canonize George Steinbrenner, posthumously, for his efforts in fighting the true evil empire. The move was met with significant fanfare in Boston, one of the cities hit hardest by the recent plagues.

This is the second time in as many months that the Holy See has bestowed sainthood on previously-maligned men of the baseball world.

After the third plague, the pestilence of livestock throughout the Midwest (in case you have since forgotten, with your plates sans beef), the Pope declared Steve Bartman and martyr and anointed him Saint Steve.

For those of you who were not around to watch his moment of infamy on Oct. 14, 2003, Bartman caught a foul ball in front of Cubs outfielder Moises Alou during the eighth inning of what was then a 3-0 Cubs lead. After the play, the Florida Marlins (now the Reno Goldiggers) scored eight straight runs and went on to win the game, a trip to the World Series and then the World Series itself.

It's a crying shame that Bartman couldn't attend his canonization ceremony. The goat-turned-saint was unreachable because, since he sought protection under the Federal Witness Relocation Program, his whereabouts are still unknown.

After weathering the plagues of blood, frogs, fleas, flies and pestilence, this latest plague of boils has irked many, especially in the baseball world, since the most major leaguers have too many blemishes to begin the season on the traditional Opening Day.

The turn of the century vanity that bogged down professional sports has only worsened in the decades since. The collective bargaining agreement between the players union and the commissioner's office forced the suspension of Opening Day because of the new clause — propagated by the Cubs' MVP first baseman — stipulating 75 percent of players must not have facial blemishes.

With the world still bracing for fiery hail, locusts, darkness and the death of firstborns, it appears an (The) end may or may not be in sight.

The commissioner's office is working on a new steroid policy they think may help prevent demonic possession, but there is disagreement in the media ranks as to whether or not the punishment will be stern enough.

# Booted Out of Boston

An attempted interview with former Catamount Tim Thomas turns sour

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

Maybe it was not as humiliating as faceplanting your unicycle into the sidewalk during the naked bike ride.

Maybe it was not quite as embarrassing as dropping your overflowing dinner tray in front of your crush at Simpson dining hall.

But it was close.

I'm referring, Catamount sports fans, to my recent experience representing *The Vermont Cynic* at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.

After securing second row seats behind the goal for a Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals game on March 15, I thought it a glittering opportunity to test out my newly forged credentials as a college sports journalist.

As die-hard Black and Gold fan and school spirited sophomore, I asked to interview former Cats' legend and current Bruins' goaltender Tim Thomas for an article in the school newspaper.

To my surprise, through contacting the Bruins' director of Media Relations, I received authorization to interview Thomas after the game.

With my father as photographer, we were issued two all-access press passes complete with press room, press box, and locker room privileges.

Forever a passionately devoted Boston sports tandem, my father and I earnestly awaited our paved passage into hockey heaven.

After enjoying a complementary, five-star pregame meal amongst the professional scribes of America in the Will McDonough Press Room, Dad and I saw Brandon Bochenski exiting the locker room through double doors toward the ice.

We showed an usher manning the press room door our



Josh Appelbaum (right) and P.J. Axelsson (left) in the Boston Bruins' locker room before the March 15 game against the Washington Capitals. (Inset) The "all-access" pass given to media.

passes and asked if we could see the rest of the Bruins onto the ice.

The usher advised us to double-check with a guard manning the locker room doors.

Again, politely flashing our passes and asking if we were allowed access, the cop told us to wait until the players finished exiting the locker room, then let us in.

I could not believe my starstricken eyes.

We were actually in the locker room!

I was in the presence of Zdeno Chara, Glen Murray and Marc Savard!

There I was, standing next to P.J. Axelsson, who promised me he would be healthy enough to return for the playoffs.

With minutes remaining until faceoff, a suited, ear-pieced authority told my father and I that we were "not allowed" to be in the locker room before the game and needed to leave immediately.

We showed him our passes, apologized and left to find our seats.

Dad and I forgot all about the incident and proceeded to watch a thrilling, 4-3 comeback behind Bruins win.

As freshman-phenom

Phil Kessel sent the Garden into victorious uproar with his game-winning shootout strike, I hastily assembled my game notes, organized my questions for Thomas and got ready for the biggest and most famous journalistic expedition of my young career.

However, my euphoria quickly evaporated into a "this can't really be happening to me" kind of experience.

As my father and I entered the press room runway, a suited guard was waiting for us.

With a "someone wants to see you," the guard led us down the hall to the Director of Media Relations.

It was not quite like being hustled through the Bada Bing to see Tony Soprano.

But it was close.

I stuck out my hand in appreciation for the passes, but the director cut me off.

We had broken the rules, he announced, by entering the locker room before game.

The interview was off.

I thought we had done everything right.

I attempted to explain to him that we showed our golden tickets and politely asked for and received entrance into the locker room from a

policeman guarding the door.

The director curtly replied that "his staff would never allow that" and, at the snap of his fingers, summoned a burly, Boston-accented security guard to eject us into the cold, harsh night.

Staring back at the great celestial dome of the T.D. Banknorth Garden, I felt like Lucifer being dropkicked from heaven.

It was over before it even began.

So, Cynic fans, this should be a story about Thomas' professional journey from Burlington to Boston.

You should be reading about how he credits his time at UVM as a crucial stage in his development.

I should be quoting Thomas as saying that Boston rode the momentum of the night's pivotal victory to sneak into the playoffs.

Instead, the Bruins are nose-diving out of playoff contention and I am writing to you as a failed journalist; a childlike innocent in the tough world of media gatekeepers and big city sports, wondering what I had done wrong and wishing that I had received the opportunity to write something special.





(Clockwise) Alex Kelley jibbs a wooden handrail. Freshman Jesse Curran gets a new view on life as he does an inverted grab. Sophomore Celia Johnson's grinds a battleship competition box as the cover shot of *Snowboarder* magazine.

(Christopher James/Meathead Films)

(Right) Sophomore Mike Kelley stomps the wall ride at Stowe's park.

# KINGS OF THE MOUNTAIN

The UVM Snowboard Team (UVMST) is comprised of approximately 80 athletes. UVMST riders train with head coach Patrick Cassidy during the week at Stowe, and compete on the weekends.

In only its second year the UVM Snowboard Team has already become the premier collegiate snowboard team in the country.

UVMST riders have been featured in the pages of snowboarding magazines, as well as competed in some of the most prestigious competitions in snowboarding.

UVMST riders have brought their skills to the US Open, USASA National Championships, Queen City Rail Jam, Rails to Riches, and the Chevy Grand Prix.

The UVM Snowboard Team also hosts fundraisers, on-campus rail jams, and their own competition called the UVMST Box Social.

After a great showing at the US Open, the UVM Snowboard Team is busy filming for their team video and preparing for National championships.

For more info on the team check out the team's website at [www.uvmst.com](http://www.uvmst.com).



(East Coast Snowboarding)

Freshman John Murphy does a clean and steezy indy grab on the cover of *East Coast Snowboarding* magazine. Murphy, as well as fellow freshman, Jesse Curran (photo top right) have been featured on the cover of the publication.



## SPRING CLEANING



### UNIVERSITY AND CAMPUS COPS STEP UP SPRINGTIME PRESENCE

Article by Kensington Moore, News Editor — Photo: Eli Crawford

**T**hings appearing in greater numbers on the Burlington landscape this spring: flowers, birds, drunken hordes of college students and ... police.

The University of Vermont announced Friday that a new annual spring noise prevention and enforcement effort will begin Thursday, April 5 and continue through the rest of the semester.

This decision was made in conjunction with the Burlington Police Department and is supported by other community partners.

The initiative will target “noise, underage and public drinking and parking issues” according to a press release from the Office of the Mayor.

It will involve bicycle patrols, extra cruiser patrols — including joint patrols between Burlington Police and University Police — and “quality of life foot patrols,” according to the press release.

UVM Dean of Students David Nestor explained that from what he has seen, the initiative is a reaction from Burlington city officials and the Burlington Police Department.

It is a direct result of concerns raised by citizens living in neighborhoods frequented by students, Nestor explained.

Burlington Police Department Lieutenant Jennifer Morrison gave the Police Department’s perspective on the new initiative:

“We have been doing this twice a year for the last four years,” Morrison said. “This is not anything new, just a new way of getting the word out.”

Morrison continued to explain that the idea for the new communication came from the Mayor’s Office.

“We will enforce anything that occurs, but we are specifically hoping to make an impact on public urination, open containers and walk-by noise,” Morrison said.

Morrison also wanted to make it clear that “we are out there as much for the student’s safety as for enforcing policies. It is important for us to have high visibility.”

Students and community members around Burlington appear to have mixed feelings about the annual joint initiative.

Rick Harrington, a UVM freshman, stated that “I just deleted it [Nestor’s e-mail], which might say something in

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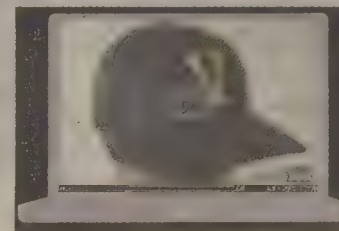
• Transportation system leaves much to be desired in terms of handicap access

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• Men’s basketball head coach Mike Lonergan agrees to a raise and contract extension through 2011-2012

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[The B-Side]



# Handicapped Having Problems at UVM

**As campus buses pass by handicapped individuals, questions arise on how easy it really is to get around**

By ASHLEY MICHELLE FOWLER

Cynic Correspondent

Issues of physical accessibility on campus have been brought to light as Vermont continues to sustain a cold, snowy winter.

For sophomore Grace Cameron, the challenges of being temporarily disabled are amplified when relying on UVM transportation services. Cameron, an anthropology major, said that she has repeatedly stood at bus stops on-campus and been passed.

Cameron has been on crutches for four months and relies on buses to get to her classes. She has been late to classes because drivers have failed to stop and request that passengers make room.

"Sometimes I take it as a personal attack," Cameron said.

Getting around campus in the snow and strong winds has also been difficult, Cameron said. The Valentine's blizzard almost made it impossible for her to step outside at all.

K.R. Decarreau, director

of UVM Transportation and Parking Services admits the task of accommodating those with disabilities is difficult.

UVM Transportation and Parking Services buses are now equipped with new ramps that allow disabled people more independence when loading on and off buses, Decarreau said.

"We're really working on our accessibility issues a great deal," Decarreau said.

Kathryn Friedman, executive director of Diversity and Equity, Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity, provided insight into the history of physical accessibility issues at UVM.

According to Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students with disabilities must be given proper accommodations to ensure equal access to education.

While UVM meets basic legal requirements for accessibility, Friedman said the University ranks low relative to other schools across the nation in terms of accessibility.

Friedman said part of the problem at UVM is inherent to its location. She said its hilly setting and snowy weather make accessibility even more challenging.

The Diversity and Equity Unit has been researching the issue of buses passing disabled students by designated stops.

Friedman was told that due



(Kensington R. Moore/Vermont Cynic)

Handicapped parking is available on campus, but how easy is it to get around UVM without a car if you're handicapped?

to the extra time disabled students take to board the bus, drivers may be passing these students because it would slow their routes down.

"We have quite a long way to go to make this institution truly accessible," Friedman said.

When asked about disabled students being passed by campus buses, Decarreau acknowledged that there had been a couple of complaints brought to her attention.

"When we have a full bus,

it's extremely difficult to know what to do when you're driving," Decarreau said.

She said it's policy to ask students on a full bus to make room for their disabled peers, but ultimately drivers are not allowed to force anyone to move around or exit the bus.

Decarreau also encourages all students to plan for possible delays in bus routes and allow more time between bus pick-up and the start of class.

"With the construction process [the University] has had

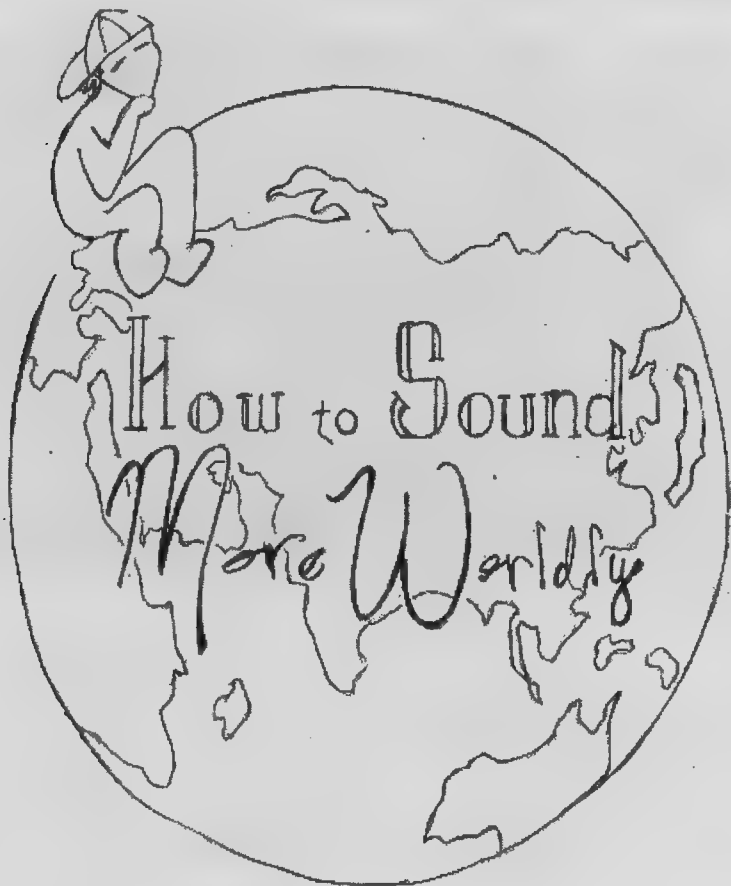
under way for the last three years, it's been huge challenge for us to provide both parking and transportation options."

Still, Cameron said she feels the University could be doing more to accommodate students like her.

Regardless of what the future holds for accessibility on campus, Cameron remains passionate about her current struggles.

"Driving by someone is not acceptable by any means," Cameron said.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • Bush Administration Allows North Korea to Sell Arms

Bush administration officials allowed Ethiopia to secretly purchase Soviet-era arms from North Korea, three months after the U.S. convinced the U.N. to impose strict sanctions on North Korea because of its nuclear program. The weapons will arm Ethiopian soldiers against Islamic militias in Somalia.

### • Vonage Barred From Signing New Customers

A judge issued an injunction on Friday that bars Internet phone carrier Vonage from signing-up new customers because of the companies infringement on patents held by the Verizon Company. Vonage immediately appealed the injunction, which also requires the company to post a \$66 million bond.

### • Iran Releases British Soldiers as "Gift"

Thursday, April 5, Iran released the 15 British soldiers that had been captured almost two weeks ago. Although the soldiers are believed to have been captured in Iraqi waters, Iran's president called the release a "gift" to the British people.

### • Judge Rules For High School to Recognize Gay-Straight Alliance

Friday, April 6, a judge ordered Okeechobee High School, in south-central Florida, to officially recognize the Gay-Straight Alliance club and grant it the same privileges as other clubs. The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against the school in November accusing it of discrimination, as they would not recognize the club and banned meetings of it on school grounds.

### • Attorney General's Aide Resigns

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales's aide, Monica Goodling, abruptly resigned on Friday, April 6, in relation to the controversy that surrounds the firing of eight U.S. prosecutors. Goodling was involved in the firings and had been on personal leave for several weeks before resigning.

### • Solomon Island Villages Devastated By Quake and Tsunami

Monday, April 2, a magnitude 8.0 earthquake and tsunami combination ravaged villages in the Solomon Islands, killing at least 20 people with the death toll expected to rise. The Islands, located right near Australia, declared a state of emergency after the disaster.

### • Occidental Petroleum CEO Takes U.S. Record \$400 Million Compensation

CEO Ray Irani of Occidental Petroleum took, according to the company's files, one of the biggest single-year payouts in U.S. corporate history in 2006. Irani took over \$400 million in compensation mostly from the exercise of options, stock and dividends from a deferred stock program and other forms of compensation.

### • Keith Richards Possibly Inhaled His Father's Ashes

Guitarist Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones claimed that after his father's death in 2002, he mixed the ashes with cocaine and snorted it. Richards' claim was widely covered by press, but Richards recently said it was a joke.

# Ex-Midd President Wants Lowered Drinking Age

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When John McCardell stepped down as president of Middlebury College in 2004, he never expected that he would soon be leading a controversial discussion over the legal drinking age.

In the fall of 2004, McCardell wrote an op-ed piece for *The New York Times*, in which he declared, "the 21-year-old drinking age is bad social policy and terrible law."

His statement caught the attention of The Robertson Foundation, who proceeded to fund McCardell and a team of Middlebury College students to study the effects of the current drinking age.

According to McCardell, their research showed that legal age 21 is not working.

"Underage drinking is worse than it's ever been and binge drinking is worse than it's ever been," McCardell said.

"One the of the consequences of drinking age 21 has been to force drinking behind closed doors, underground and in the case of colleges and universities, off campus," McCardell said during a Fox News debate.

## Confronting the Issue

In the fall of 2006, McCardell founded a nonprofit organization, Choose Responsibility, to raise discussion about the current drinking age.

"Choose Responsibility is questioning whether legal age 21 has been a success," research assistant Grace Kronenberg said.

Choose Responsibility created a proposal for a drinking licensure program that would be offered to high school graduates, almost as an addendum to driver's education, Kronenberg explained.

The program would have three components, she said. There would be an alcohol

education piece, which would take place in the classroom and a practical component, which would take place in the community. Attending a DUI court hearing would be an example of this piece, Kronenberg said.

There is also the home component. Under Choose Responsibility's proposal, it would be legal for a young person to drink in the presence of parents in the privacy of the home, McCardell said.

This will enfranchise parents to assist their children with the responsible use of alcohol, McCardell explained.

The organization hopes to decouple states' drinking age from the states' access to highway funds, McCardell said. In the past, this association has prevented states from even considering lowering the drinking age.

## Opposition and Allies

Choose Responsibility has not yet determined if the UVM community will support their proposal. However, Vice President and Dean of Students David Nestor commented that he was in college administration before legal age 21 was enacted, and said the law has not seemed to have any bearing on moderating substance abuse.

"I think it would be interesting for [McCardell] to get approval to run a pilot program with some young people to better demonstrate or determine the effectiveness of his licensure program," Nestor said.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is one organization that opposes Choose Responsibility's proposal.

Steve Jackson, coordinator of the Addison County Chapter of MADD, supports McCardell's call for alcohol education, but disagrees with McCardell's suggestion that lowering the drinking age would eliminate much of the unsupervised binge drinking

that takes place behind closed doors.

"Legalizing it doesn't make the act less dangerous, it makes it more prevalent and less able to be supervised," Jackson said.

The decision-making function of the brain is not fully developed at age 18, Jackson said.

However, McCardell is quick to point out that 18 is the age of majority in other respects.

"At that age, we believe young adults are able to exercise their judgement when they vote, when they sign a contract, when they serve on a jury or in the military," McCardell said.

## The Next Step

According to McCardell, Choose Responsibility needs to hear from the current college generation.

"We want adults behaving like adults, convincing the public at large that they ought to be treated like adults and not like juveniles," McCardell said.

Research assistant Scott Guenther added that the organization plans on contacting student newspapers, hosting panel discussions and starting chapters on different campuses. However, organizing on college campuses poses some challenges.

"The last thing we want is for this to appear to be a group of spoiled young people pounding their cup on their highchair saying, 'We want beer!'" McCardell stated.

"Choose Responsibility needs to be given that fair chance at debate and have our ideas taken seriously," Kronenberg said.

The Web site (<http://www.ChooseResponsibility.org>) goes live April 9, and they hope that this, combined with a mass mailing and a flurry of press articles will help bring awareness to the organization.

# SGA Candidates Run for Senate

By JAMES TURITTO  
Staff Writer

This Tuesday, April 10, and Wednesday, April 11, students will vote in the second round of SGA elections, but not in the usual fashion. Instead, elections for the Student Senate will take place via the internet.

According to the Secretary of Elections Renee Lariviere, ballots will be distributed to the student body early Tuesday morning through their Zoo account. It will take a few hours before the e-mail is fully distributed. Then, the system will stop accepting votes at midnight on Wednesday, Lariviere said.

The new ballot system was introduced during the fall semester for freshmen senatorial elections. It proved to be a great success, Lariviere said.

"We had the highest turnout ever for first-year elections this past year, and we suspect it may be linked to online elections."

Incumbent candidate Mandy Frank has mixed feelings about the new voting system. "I think the online concept steals from a very important component of personal campaigning. Candidates will not have the chance, or even attempt to interact with students nearly as much as when there were voting stations. Yet, this is worth sacrificing if candidates are more democratically elected," Frank said.

"Traditionally, turnout has been lower for Senate elections, but the online system may change that," Lariviere said. Senior Alex Friendly, who worked on last year's Congressional elections with the Vermont Democratic Party, agreed, "Most times students do not know where to vote, so they just don't. The online system will make it easier."

The composition of the SGA Senate includes 35 members. Fifteen Senators represent students living on-campus, and twenty Senators represent students living off-campus. With five on-campus seats reserved for incoming freshmen, 10 on-campus seats are open for the candidates this year, according to Lariviere.

Fortunately for Senatorial hopefuls in the on-campus race, there are only 10 candidates. Therefore, each can-

didate running in the race will be elected to next year's senate.

In response to an almost assured victory, Eddy Foster said upon entering office that he will work to rebuild trust between the University and the students. "The University doesn't trust the students, evidenced by the police patrolling our dorms. I believe we need to act proactively to repair this damage to our community."

The race for off-campus seats will be more contested than the race for on-campus seats. While 37 candidates are running to fill these positions, there are only 20 Senate seats available. Among the candidates, 22 are currently sitting in the Senate, according to the SGA Web site.

Notable candidates running for off-campus seats include five candidates who ran in the recent presidential election — Adam Crawford, Christina Wehry, Lydia Morin, Ross Nizlek, and Scott McCarty — and two candidates who ran for the vice-presidency — Ben Porter

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**-Renee Lariviere, SGA secretary of elections**

and Lizzy Mazer.

Asked whether she felt cast off by the student body following her defeat, Morin responded, "All presidential and vice presidential candidates should run for reelection in the Senate. I, for one, have been working adamantly on improving the late-night bus, and I don't want to give that up just because I lost the presidential election."

Scott McCarty, also a former presidential candidate, said in response to the same question, "I feel that this is really a blessing in disguise. I absolutely love my job as chair of the Legislative Action Committee and continuing to work as a Senator will allow me to continue to support students."

According to Lariviere, if the new voting system is successful in increasing voter turnout, SGA will adopt it for the presidential elections next year.

## INITIATIVE

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itself. I just really didn't care."

Gabriel Boray, an artist who sets up shop outside the florist's on Church Street said that he would welcome an increase in police presence, citing that he sometimes worries about his 3-year-old daughter, especially after seeing a BMX biker almost hit a woman a few weeks ago.

"It's college — we should be having fun and being loud. I mean, we work our asses off and should be able to walk around and be loud and drink on the weekends," another UVM freshman, Tak Okoshi, said.

There was some miscommunication in the distribution of information concerning this new initiative.

At 11:45 a.m. on Friday, April

6, students received an e-mail from the UVM Broadcast Center from Dean Nestor alerting the campus to the new enforcement and prevention effort. The initiative actually began on Thursday, April 5.

When questioned concerning the reason for the late notice to students, Nestor explained that the effort did not come to his and other University official's attention on April 5 in the afternoon and that "There was no conscious choice to withhold this information from students."

Nestor went on to explain that University officials understood the press release they received was thought to be a draft. Once University officials knew it was a final draft, they immediately released the information to students.

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# Town-Gown Relations in Trouble?

By CHRISTINA TODD

Cynic Correspondent

The lights are off in many houses, but the streets of Burlington are alive with young people, many UVM students, walking home after a night out.

Not all are loud while passing through the rows of houses, but the disturbance caused by some can be felt throughout the community.

Despite UVM's attempts to alleviate the issues surrounding the relationship between UVM students and the larger community, the problem continues to persist as UVM's population increases.

"It can be very noisy at times," said Leona Goebel, who has been a resident of Bradley Street for the last 16 years.

"Bradley Street is a street that a lot of college kids use to walk home at night and they become very vocal and loud," Goebel said. "And of course at that time, if it's one or two in the morning, they're not thinking that there are other people that have to go to work or school the next day."

From the fall semester of 2004 to that of 2005, the total number of UVM students involved in city violations increased from 93 to 220, according to the UVM Off-Campus Conduct Summary Report.

These violations include alcohol, noise, urination and offenses against others, according to the report.

These numbers have continued to increase, said Mike Schirling, deputy chief of the Burlington Police.

Jennifer Morrison of the

Burlington Police Department said she was recently disturbed to find a UVM student urinating in the bushes at Edmonds Elementary/Middle School at 2:30 p.m. in broad daylight.

"The world is not your urinal," said Morrison, noting that this is what she wished she could have said to the student.

"I think most college kids are respectful, but that often changes when they start drinking," said Brenna Milbier, a UVM junior and off-campus resident.

Many college students don't realize that streets such as Bradley, Hickock and

**"If you're invested in the neighborhood where you live, you're going to act in a way that's responsible."**

**-Alicia Turner, UVM student and academic services manager**

Greene house permanent residents, including families.

"I thought it was mostly college kids living on those streets and that families lived more towards the edges of town," Milbier said.

Many students and neighbors feel disconnected from each other, since new students move in each year, and some move from semester to semester.

"There's so much movement," Goebel said of students living in her neighborhood. "I never have the opportunity to

form a relationship."

In an attempt to strengthen the relationship and bridge the gap, there is a group at UVM known as the Community Coalition.

The program is housed in the Student and Community Relations office on Colchester Avenue and is composed of members of UVM and the larger Burlington community.

Gail Shampnois, the student and academic services manager at UVM, and Alicia Turner, the student services professional, head the program.

The coalition often hears about what they call the quality of life stuff: noise, public urination and walk-by vandalism in the neighborhoods as well as parking and trash, Turner said.

"The bigger vision for the coalition is how do we get past these issues and really get students engaged in the communities where they live," Turner said.

"If you're invested in the neighborhood where you live, you're going to act in a way that's responsible," she said.

"Students move off campus, they don't know their neighbors, they don't know where they live, they're not connected to the community and so they can act in ways that negatively impact their neighbors."

That relationship is the piece that has been missing for so long, Tuner said.

Some of the initiatives the coalition has taken to raise awareness are the distribution of The Survival Guide to Off-Campus Living booklets,

offering off-campus living workshops, and the Have a Heart event.

Have a Heart is when volunteers stand on strategic corners from 10 p.m. to midnight handing out flyers indicating the late-night bus schedule and taxi cab numbers attached to a chocolate, Shampnois said.

"It's just a reminder to people to realize that when they're out late at night that they're moving among neighbors — sleeping children and elderly," she said.

This year, it may also include a Porch Light event. Neighbors would be on their porch with the lights on as a visual representation, Turner said.

It would remind students that "when you're walking up the hill after the bars close, we're here and we're here as your safety net if you need help, but we're also here and our children are sleeping inside," Turner said.

An initiative the coalition has taken over the last two years, in an attempt to form working relationships between students and permanent residents, is the neighborhood liaison program, Turner said.

Adam Crawford, a junior at UVM and member of Alpha Gamma Rho, a fraternity on campus, said he heard about the program through SGA Senate and decided to join.

Crawford is the liaison for his current home, South Prospect Street.

The idea behind the program is to create an opportunity for students and neighbors to work together to solve issues affecting the community

they share.

Currently, there are only three liaisons and they are also SGA members, but the hope is that the program will continue to grow, Crawford said.

"The coolest part was getting to meet all my neighbors," said Crawford, who went door-to-door passing out flyers containing his contact information.

He received one reply.

"I don't know if people lost the form, lost the flyer," he said, noting that next time he would try a business card.

Even though the service is offered, the problems residents currently face are those that they have faced in the past, and probably continue to face, Crawford said.

"A lot of it is the timeless quality of it," Crawford said. "College kids are going to be college kids, and will be college kids as long as they are college kids, which is forever."

As the University's population continues to grow, the issues surrounding relations between college students and the larger Burlington community could expand.

"It's a snowball effect," Crawford said. "The more kids in the dorms means two years later there's more kids downtown. More kids downtown means more apartments, and more apartments means more cars, means less parking, means more parking lots means less trees."

"More people, means more parties — bigger parties. It's making whatever problems there were worse."

## New Bill Requires Increase in Study Abroad

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY

Staff Writer

A new bill requires 1 million students to study abroad annually to "sustain U.S. global leadership, competitiveness, and security" according to NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Senator Dick Durban (D-Ill.) and Norm Coleman (R-Minn.) introduced the bill, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007, on March 27.

The bill calls for at least 1 million American college students to study abroad annually within the next 10 years, according to a NAFSA press release. It also requires colleges to increase their study abroad options, especially in developing nations. In addition, colleges must make their programs accessible to a larger range of students.

According to Senator Durban, the bill would allow \$80 million in grants to increase the amount and type of students going abroad each year.

The bill would also increase access to study abroad programs to students who attend community college or who come from low income families and do not have the means to go abroad.

According to Janice Mulholland, a representative from NAFSA, only 1-percent of all college students study abroad annually. "It is essential to our security and economic success that tomorrow's leaders understand

this changing world. Every student should have access to study abroad and be encouraged to pursue research in developing countries. With swift passage of this bill, Congress has the opportunity to make international education a national priority," Durban said.

The bill follows The Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Act, which gained funding through the 2004 budget. The bill was also proposed by Durban and Coleman. It recommended increased study abroad opportunities for college students.

"In addition, the 9/11 Commission Report recommended that the United States should increase support for scholarship and exchange programs," explained a press release from the Office of Senator Durban.

Durban and Coleman created the bill in honor of Senator Paul Simon, who died in 2003 and was famous for wearing his signature bow tie everyday: "He had a vision — to strengthen the role of the U.S. as a world leader by investing in the education of our young people. The international study abroad program we are introducing is based on his vision and advances his work. This program will instill in the next generation of Americans a deeper understanding of the cultures and histories of other nations. This, in turn, will enhance the United States' capacity to lead in the 21st century," Durban said.

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## VT Spending More on Prisons Than Colleges

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Cynic Correspondant

The state of Vermont ranks 49th for per-capita appropriations for higher education. It ranks 47th when rankings are per \$1,000 of personal income.

According to the Vermont Higher Education Council (VHEC) Vermont appropriated \$127.17 per capita for higher education in FY 2005. The national average was \$214.96.

Such has been the case for years. As of FY 2000, Vermont appropriations for higher education had risen 7 percent since FY 1990, in contrast with a 145 percent increase for corrections, and a 101 percent increase for Medicaid.

Consequently, tuition for UVM and other state schools is among the highest in the country for comparable institutions. According to VHEC, Vermont's public institutions relied on tuition and fees for 41.2 percent of their total revenues in 2001 — more than any other state.

Explanations for such modest appropriations can be found in Vermont's unique model for funding higher education, appropriately titled "the Vermont Model", in which high tuition, to an extent, is by design.

The Vermont Model, developed and implemented in the 1960s, is based on modest appropriations for higher education institutions, very high tuition and high need-based aid for students. For years however, the 'high aid' end has not been upheld.

The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) was created in 1965 in order to distribute financial aid to students. According to VSAC's 2006 annual report, the organization was appropriated \$17.7 million by the state that year. The same year, VSAC financed \$742 million in student loans.

"We have outstanding debt of \$1.2 to \$1.4 billion dollars, which is more debt than the state," Don Vickers, executive director of VSAC told *Vermont Business Magazine* in 2002.

Vermont's low state funding for higher education fits a regional trend. According to a database compiled by the Center for Higher Education and Educational Finance at Illinois State University, New Hampshire ranks 50th, Massachusetts 49th, Rhode Island 45th and Connecticut 42nd for per-

capita appropriations.

"New England has what is almost certainly the best set of private higher education institutions in the world," Tom Mortenson, a nationally known higher education policy analyst told *The Burlington Free Press* last week. "So public higher education there will inevitably be viewed as less important."

Appropriations for higher education have also dwindled as competing interests have won out. According to the Justice Policy Institute, state spending for corrections (adjusted for inflation) fell by \$2 million between 1985 and 2000, and higher education spending fell by \$43 million.

Governor Jim Douglas has been sympathetic to public higher education since his election in 2002. He recently returned the

*The Vermont Model is based on modest appropriations for higher education institutions, very high tuition, and high need-based aid for students.*

2007 Budget Adjustment Act to the legislature because it didn't provide funding for college scholarships.

Last year Douglas proposed a 15-year, \$175 million scholarship program called the Vermont Promise Scholarship, which the Commission on Higher Education fully endorsed.

The program would provide up to half of tuition cost for students enrolling in one of the state's public institutions — on the condition that graduates were willing to "start a life here in Vermont once they complete their studies," according to a 2006 press release.

Douglas was recently given a 2007 New England Higher Education Merit Award from the New England Board of Higher Education in March for his efforts to make higher education more accessible to Vermonters.

The outlook for higher education in Vermont is still grim, however. Last year's budget increased appropriations by 3.9 percent. The national average was 7.1 percent. This year's budget calls for an increase of 3.2 percent, leaving Vermont securely fixed in its well below average ranking.

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# Buying Stock in Your Debt

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I don't have to tell you that the price of higher education in the country is absurd. But the real absurdity is that there are some administrators still trying to squeeze every last penny out of the already exploited college student.

It was recently revealed on the front page of *The New York Times* that "The directors of financial aid at Columbia University, the University of Texas Austin and the University of Southern California held shares in a student loan company that each of the universities recommends to student borrowers."

In one instance *The Times* cited that David Charlow, director of financial aid at Columbia, earned \$100,000 in a single sale of his Student Loan Xpress stock.

This isn't just an issue of impartial-

ity, this is an issue of inside trading, and these financial aid officers should do time — that is, Martha Stewart time.

All that these men have to say for themselves is that the schools do not receive any benefits from putting lenders like Student Loan Xpress on their preferred lender lists and that they do not instruct students to pick one lender over another. But this is not the point.

The point is that the directors of financial aid offices at major universities have privileged insight into, according to the Commerce Department, an \$85 billion a year industry. Directors have access to internal and external databases indicating which loan companies are doing the most business and which companies are growing. In short, financial aid directors

have inside information and according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission "Persons who misappropriated, and took advantage of, confidential information from their employers," are guilty of insider trading.

But don't worry, I'm sure that good old Ted Kennedy, chairman of the senatorial Committee on Education will get to the bottom of this corruption (and probably start investing in Student Loan Xpress himself).

It is time that students demand justice. Protest, picket, anything — just do something. University bureaucracy is painful enough to deal with, but knowing that they are profiting from the misery of underprivileged students is morally reprehensible.

# Quality Control

Dave Sachs - B-Side Managing Editor

Cops scare me. It's probably a guilty conscience, but it's hard not to have one with the increased enforcement going on around Burlington to improve the "quality of life".

Quality of life for whom?

According to the Burlington Police Department press release sent to students on April 6, the boys and girls in blue will be walking the streets in "roving quality of life foot patrols targeting noise, underage and public drinking and parking issues."

The issue isn't that the e-mail was sent a day after the policy change began, nor is it the ominous language choice that for some reason evokes a passage from "1984." It's the fact that Burlington police officers are trying to stifle a problem that they help create.

I'm not knocking the entire BPD, because it, like any police force, is a valuable social service. But when cops break

up parties (which is a popular pastime for police officers here, as we all know) they take a flood of kids from a relatively contained party and toss them into the streets, leaving kids with nowhere to go except home. And who wants to do that at 1 a.m. on a Friday night?

So we gather outside the busted house party or walk the streets while trying to figure out what to do next. Sometimes a little bladder relief ensues from there, and then the drunk tank. Or maybe, if you make the mistake of laughing too loud on your porch, you get slapped with a two hundred dollar fine — per tenant — whether all the tenants are home or not.

Students from UVM, Champlain and St. Mike's make up a significant part of Burlington's population, and I think it's fair to say that these same students are economically beneficial to the city. This doesn't give us the right to pee in public in broad daylight, but I do think it

entitles us to be recognized as adult members of the community. In other words, give us a break!

A good sweaty party with of-age drinkers shouldn't be a crime in a college town, and it often is not, until the 5-oh breaks it up and sends kids into the streets.

If the BPD wants to cut down on walk-by noise by increasing their presence and targeting students, the student population should be recognized as community members in the same vein as other residents. What about our quality of living? While looking for a parking space (no easy task), I often drive by signs that say "Resident Parking Only," but I can't get a permit. As students living off-campus, are we not residents?

Springtime is approaching, and the BPD, while looking out for some of its residents, is trying to change the weather with these initiatives that unfairly target students and their wallets.

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JERMEY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

# Watch out, It's Officer Friendly

Recently we in the UVM community received an e-mail containing the following statement, "These extra patrol initiatives feature aggressive enforcement of State laws and City ordinances relating to quality of life issues including but not limited, to underage drinking and noise."



The e-mail, which came from the dean of students, and was distributed via the UVM Broadcast Center, details coordinated plans by Burlington and campus police to crack down on unsavory student behavior through the end of the school year.

It also announces plans for, among other things, "roving quality of life foot patrols targeting noise, underage and public drinking and parking issues."

I find the language of this message troubling. At some point in our lives, for me it was in a presentation to a class of innocent and impressionable third-graders by "Officer Friendly," we are all taught that the police are our friends, that they are here to help and protect us.

The adjectives "roving" and "aggressive" contradict this.

What Officer Friendly never told my class was that, some day in the future, we will all have found ourselves locked into a combative and antagonistic relationship with the police.

The uniformed men and women to whom we in our younger days may have looked up to now come to represent the enforcers of arbitrary and unfair law. Officer Friendly never told us that we will envision them seeking us out in moments of joy and revelry and, heedless of the mission statement "to serve and protect," inflicting upon us punishments for crimes which shouldn't be.

I believe that this stems from a contemporary theory about law enforcement; police departments all across the nation have abandoned the old standard. Their mission is no longer about serving and protecting the public, it is one of being "tough on crime".

This notion is not a good one. It implies that criminals are a disease, rather than an unfortunate symptom of society. And it implies that laws are never unfair or arbitrary.

"Tough on crime" is not just a policy decision. It is a mindset. It is a defining characteristic of law enforcement and says that the primary objective of police is that of executors and seekers of those who deserve punishment.

It defines them not as helpers and aides, but as snarling, bare toothed, guard dogs, and in doing so places officers in a position of high authority: a position to intimidate and threaten us.

These policies, and this unnecessary spring crackdown should be abandoned.

BENJAMIN SILVERMAN

# That Sounds Awful

Welcome to the first young adult generation of the 21st century, a generation so artistically stagnant and lazy that the self described "Music"



Television can only seem to regurgitate cookie reality TV, transferring all of its music videos to secondary stations.

MTV, where every single music genre worth mentioning are hand - me - downs of hand - me - downs that are simply meant for our times. Like finding your fathers old bomber jacket in your attic, looks awesome, but just ain't your size.

Hippyism (at this point, it's practically worthy of recognition by the IRS as a deductible religion) is three generations old, punk is two (Green Day, you are not punk until I see track lines on you retinas keep your mouth shut), hip-hop is over one, techno was never real music and even the prudish menagerie of indie rock had it's brief heyday with our eldest siblings.

They all reached the pinnacle of their potential, but it seems still uninspired artists feel alright riding these dead art forms into the ground.

Hell, the only music genre that can even pass as "new," as our "generation's unique voice" is emo, and to even refer to that corporately mass-produced, self defecating pox on the earth as a form music is a blasphemy against God's gift of the inner ear.

Are we so starved for creativity that the only two options on the radio are lousy tribute bands of music from antiquity or trust fund babies whining about how their girlfriend dumped them for men whose hair doesn't look like that of a surprised turkey?

Even in my own bellowed ska scene, previously upstanding bands would rather op-down to do some idiotic or ironic '80s pop song cover then spend their worthy time on expanding their sound (I'm looking at you, Reel Big Fish).

Listen musicians of America, I'm not asking you to do anything that difficult, I don't even care what you do, it could be a whole EP with nothing but washboard music and armpit sounds (that would be awesome!) just as long as it's new.

JAKE MEANY

# Don't Lecture Me

Why do we go to college?

Is this just the path toward a job?

Does what we learn in the classroom apply to the rest of our lives, and if it does, how much?



In talking with students, it sometimes seems that college has become a means to an end, not an end itself. While it is great to get a job that creates financial security, isn't the point of school to learn?

However, recent evidence has proven that higher education is no longer able to meet either of these goals. A recent survey of college graduates found that a large percentage were not able to perform the level of reading comprehension or critical thinking skills that should be the bare minimum. In fact, 10 percent of students regressed and fared worse than high school seniors in critical thinking skills.

How does this happen? One of the problems is the way we are taught. Most of the classes we take, as UVM students are lecture-based. You listen to a professor, take notes, study for the test, write a paper and then repeat. The dilemma is that lecturing students does not make them better thinkers. In fact, the lecture style system is constantly attacked in educational study journals as a mistaken way to teach students. It is a passive form of learning.

Students don't interact in the classroom, they just absorb information. The best way to develop the minds of students is with small groups, and interactive tasks that force the student to use interdisciplinary understanding to perform the assignment. This type of learning both increases the ability of the student to engage in reflective thinking and employ it in all walks of life and assists students in remembering the material that they are learning better than a traditional lecture system.

While everyone has a different learning style, this interactive approach has been scientifically tested and proven to provide the best model for teaching.

Why, then, do we sit through lectures when the evidence of their inadequacy stares our instructors in the face? There is no simple explanation for this, and I don't have all the answers (yet). But the power of tradition would seem to be a main culprit. This form of teaching has been the norm of a liberal education for the modern world. It sometimes requires Herculean effort to change certain customs, especially in formalized bureaucracy, like education.

Our wisdom should reflect the status quo. We live in a world of constant change, where being avant-garde is not an option anymore, it is the requirement for success. This brings me back to my original question: why do we go to school?

If we only go to get a better job, then college has failed. Many white-collar jobs require the same critical thinking skills that we as a whole as students are not learning in the classroom. I understand the importance of learning a breath of knowledge, but what is the point if students can't engage any new knowledge successfully?

I believe it is the responsibility of teachers to break with tradition and try different techniques that can help develop students into progressive minds, rather than walking encyclopedias.

# Letter to the Editor Eugenics in Belize

If you've been on campus this semester, chances are that you've noticed the distinct lack of badass.

This can mostly be attributed to the UVM semester abroad program in Belize. Drawing from an already impressive pool of gnarly dudes and beautiful women, the Ashmans have assembled a group that some describe as the second coming of the Vermont eugenics program.

Students wishing to study abroad must have a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A., sophomore standing and not be on disciplinary probation (an open mind doesn't hurt either). The UVM study abroad options are not only accessible, but also incredibly diverse.

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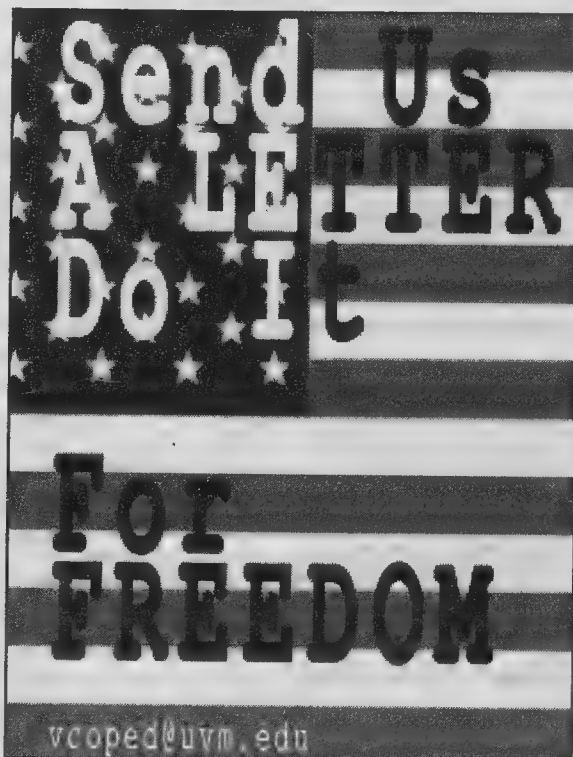
anywhere, as long as approval goes through the Office of International Education. What's more, study abroad costs are often comparable to a semester's tuition at UVM. Getting started on a semester abroad is easy.

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Studying abroad opens a world you may never knew existed, combining deep experiential learning with permissive foreign drinking laws. Visit the Office of International Education today, and get started on your application!

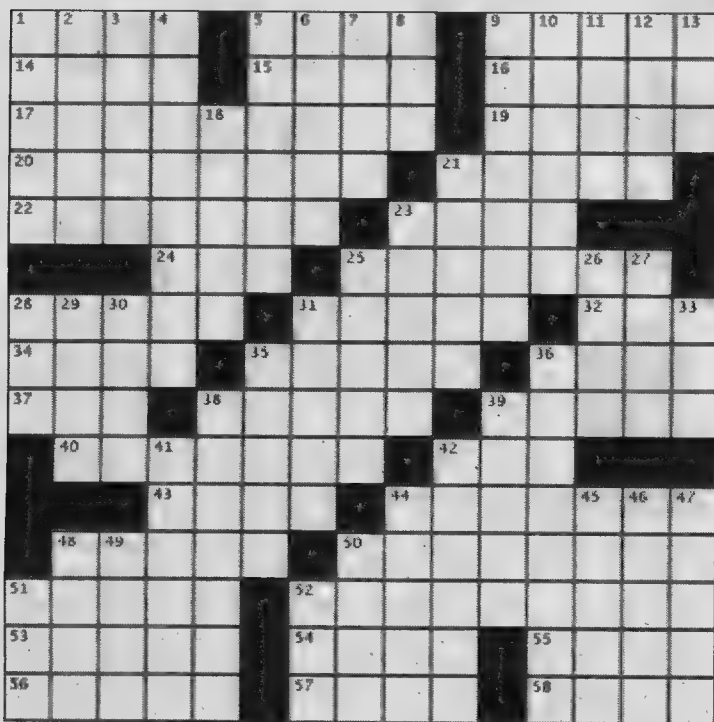
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## CROSSWORD



## PUZZLE

## ACROSS

- 1- Close  
5- Stains  
9- Quick sharp sound  
14- Small particle  
15- Dynamic beginning  
16- Greek goddesses of the seasons  
17- Traveling from place to place  
19- Frosting  
20- Air  
21- Evade  
22- Rudimentary component  
23- Raised platform  
24- Unit of energy  
25- One million tons  
28- Corneous  
31- Measured with a watch  
32- Insect  
34- Single entity  
35- Feudal estate  
36- Flat-fish  
37- Swindle  
38- Son of Isaac  
39- Proposed, perhaps  
40- Abnormal dryness of the skin  
42- Weeding implement  
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44- House trailer  
48- Cupboard  
50- Ceremonial suicide  
51- Pungent bulb  
52- Inflammation of the liver  
53- Fable

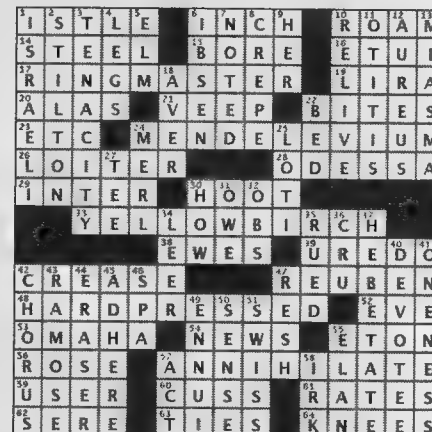
- 54- Greek god of love  
55- Mission control gp.  
56- Restless  
57- Optical device  
58- Small secluded valley

## DOWN

- 1- Strike hard  
2- The Hilton, e.g.  
3- Useful  
4- Pre-war apartment  
5- Boldness  
6- Brewer's need  
7- Sea-going eagle  
8- Drunkard  
9- Period of 1000 years  
10- Grasshopper  
11- Dry and waterless  
12- Walking stick  
13- Small cask  
18- Each partner  
21- Enthusiastic  
23- Brit's discharge  
25- Legendary ruler of Crete  
26- It's blown among the reeds  
27- Without value  
28- Embrace  
29- Variety of chalcedony  
30- Matured  
31- Impried  
33- Understand  
35- Large and dense

- 36- Contemptible  
38- Trip  
39- Thai breed of cat  
41- Automaton  
42- Pester  
44- Fatted fowl  
45- Essential  
46- Spring up  
47- 7th month of the Jewish religious calendar  
48- Soon  
49- Aromatic herb  
50- "You are \_\_\_\_"  
51- Wood sorrel  
52- Norse goddess

## SOLUTIONS FROM LAST WEEK

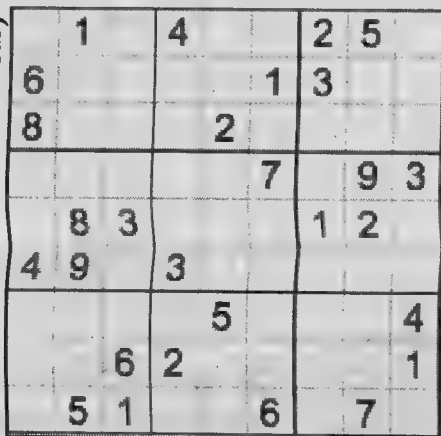


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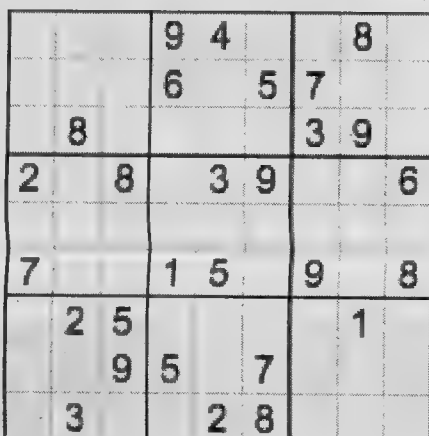
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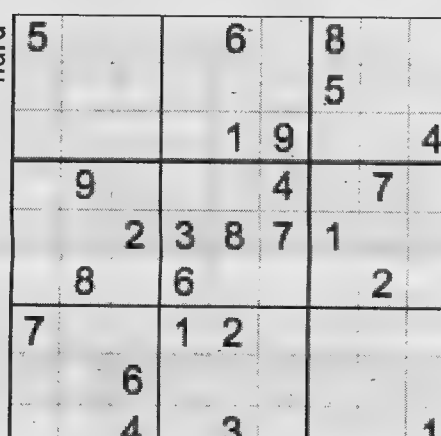
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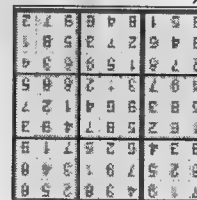
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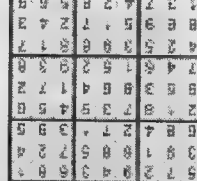
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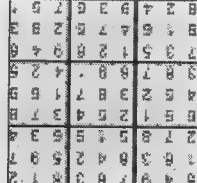
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## The Odd Couple

BY JAKE ZIWICH  
HEY MIKE, YOU KNOW SOMEONE TAGGED PICTURES OF YOU ON FACEBOOK?

HAHA... THIS ONE'S PRETTY EMBARRASSING... YOU SHOULD SEE THIS.

WOW, THAT'S BAD  
YEAH, THAT ONE COULD BE PRETTY DAMAGING.

WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE SEES THIS.

WHEN WERE YOU AT THE LIBRARY?  
IT DOESN'T MATTER, JUST UNTAG IT.

## College Gourmet



This is a really fun, delicious recipe from Cook's Illustrated. Your kitchen may look like a laboratory, but these are so good it is worth the mess. You can make tasty additions like grated orange peel, chocolate chips, almonds, or coconut.

- 8 tablespoons butter, cut in pieces  
2 ounces chocolate (bittersweet, semisweet, or dark)  
\_ cup baking cocoa  
\_ cup flour  
\_ teaspoon baking soda  
\_ teaspoon baking powder  
2 large eggs  
\_ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
\_ salt  
\_ cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, line muffin pan with baking cups. Combine butter, chocolate, and cocoa in a heatproof bowl and set over a pot of boiling water. Heat until melted and smooth, stirring occasionally. Set aside and cool until warm to the touch. Mix together dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, and baking powder) in a separate bowl. Whisk eggs, sugar, vanilla, and salt until fully incorporated. Add chocolate mixture and whisk until combined. Add one third of the dry mix, whisk until combined. Add sour cream, whisk until combined. Add remaining flour and mix until batter is thick and fully mixed. Divide batter evenly into muffin cups. Bake cupcakes 16-20 minutes, until knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Do not overbake! Wait until the cupcakes are cool before frosting.

VOTE

SARAH PULS

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...Cupcakes

## Baseball Iced by NY Tech on Easter Sunday



Senior Bryan Rembisz pitches the ball through the snow in Sunday's doubleheader against NY Tech. Vermont fell in both contests played at Centennial Field. (Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

### The Catamount bullpen falls short, allowing a Bears sweep

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

After weather prevented the first doubleheader Saturday, Vermont's Men's baseball team was shut down by stellar pitching from New York Tech on Easter Sunday at Centennial Field.

Back-to-back complete games from NY Tech's Joe Esposito and Jon Burke allowed the Bears to sweep the doubleheader.

They surrendered only seven hits in the two games.

Vermont's starters pitched well in defeat.

Junior Kyle Henry (2-4) went eight innings giving up seven hits and striking out three.

Senior tri-captain Bryan Rembisz (2-1) pitched six innings.

He gave up three runs on five hits, struck out seven and suffered his first loss of the season.

The UVM pitchers were solid, but the offense struggled to perform.

Shutout in the opening game, and scoring only one run in the second, gave Catamount pitchers little room for error.

In the opener, NY Tech scored first in the third inning.

**Back-to-back complete games from NY Tech's Joe Esposito and Jon Burke allowed the Bears to sweep away the doubleheader.**

The Catamounts looked to answer in the bottom of the third inning when senior Will Huntington doubled and Rembisz moved him to third off an infield hit.

Esposito shut the door inducing two ground outs to preserve the lead.

He also worked his way out of a jam in the fifth inning.

With the bases loaded, he struck out two batters to kill a Catamount rally.

Esposito completed the shutout by getting the last two

batters out with runners on the corners.

The Bears recorded a 3-0 win.

In the nightcap, Vermont's struggle continued, mustering only three hits.

Mike LaLuna tripled in the first inning and scored to give NY Tech and early lead.

Vermont answered in the bottom of the first inning when Sophomore Jeff Heppner doubled with two outs.

Senior Nick Gallipani singled to right driving in the Catamounts lone run on the afternoon.

In the fourth, doubles by Esposito and Christian Dienna put the Bears back out in front 2-1.

Tech tacked on another in the fifth and three more, two unearned in the seventh to provide the final margin of 6-1.

With the two losses the Catamounts drop to 8-13 on the season, the Bears are 8-12.

Vermont hosts Sienna at 2:00 pm Tuesday at Centennial Field.

The Cats open America East play at defending champions Binghamton April 13 with a four game series during the weekend.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell  
A column by Sports Staff

Good Week for Dazzling Debuts  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

In his first career MLB start, Japanese sensation and Boston Red Sox number three starting pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka lived up to the \$103 million hype by silencing critics with a dazzling opening audition.

The polished Far Eastern import pitched seven innings of one run, six hit ball en route to a 4-1 Sox victory over the rebuilding Kansas City Royals.

In recording 10 K's, Dice-K became the second Boston starter to register double digit strikeouts in his team debut in over 30 years.

It's early for the BoSox (2-3), but the Nation can sleep tight at night knowing Dice-K may be the heir apparent to Pedro.

Bad Week To Be Roger Goodell  
By NICK DECARO

The Commissioner of the NFL has his plate full this week.

After meeting with league "Bad Boys" Adam "Pacman" Jones of the Tennessee Titans, and Chris Henry of the Cincinnati Bengals, the Commissioner must decide the punishment for the two.

Goodell met with the two repeat offenders to discuss possible courses of action for the two and his decision is expected by the end of the week.

This only bolsters the Commissioner's case for yet another ongoing project: changing the current player conduct policy to a harsher one that could include lifetime bans on players who break the policy numerous times.

While Jones and Henry will not be banned for life, Goodell's punishment will set the bar that he wants to reflect in his new policy, and establish new punishments for criminal offenses in the league.

All this coming less than a month away from the April 28 draft, the Commissioner will no doubt be pulling all-nighters like he used to in his Washington & Jefferson College days.

Good luck Commissioner.

Bad Week For the Wizards  
By KAT WILLIAMS

Wizard's Caron Butler found out that his fractured right hand would keep him from competing in the 2007 NBA playoffs.

Not only is this bad news for Butler, but bad news for the whole Wizards team especially after it was announced that Gilbert Arenas would be out as well.

Butler had become the heart of the team as well as the player that would get them through the first round of the playoffs.

The fracture isn't just a season-ending one, but a possible season-ruining injury.

With playoffs beginning in two weeks the Wizards will have to be able to figure out a way to play without their star forward.

# Has the NHL Ruined Hockey?

If fighting was illegal in the NHL, hockey will lose its fan base in the U.S.

By CORY WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

Ice hockey: My wintry savior from nor'easters, plunging temperatures and chapped lips.

Yet, I am worried the NHL is ruining my beloved sport forever.

In the interest of increased revenue and a mainstream fan base, the NHL has alienated its core group of fans with rule changes and a shift away from tradition.

In any other American sport, a player would get sus-

pended for a lengthy period of the season if he threw a punch at an opponent.

Carmelo Anthony got a 15-game suspension for his overly publicized fight and he is a superstar in the NBA.

In the NHL, punching someone in the face is a legal thing to do.

This is all going to change if Colin Campbell, the NHL director of Hockey Operations, has anything to say about it.

After Philadelphia Flyer Todd Fedoruk was knocked unconscious during a fight in March, Campbell questioned the need for fighting in the "New NHL".

It has been marked by more speed, penalties for delay of game and an influx of European talent that relies

far more on skates than fists.

However, the real problem is not fighting, but the cheap shots taken by players who think they are above the rule book.

If you've been watching SportsCenter, undoubtedly you saw Chris Simon swing his stick into the face of Ryan Hollweg, and Jordin Tootoo sucker punch Stephane Robidas.

If fights were outlawed, there would be more occurrences of ridiculous attacks on opponents, and referees would not be able to control situations like they have been able to in the past.

When a brawl occurs, the offending players go to the penalty box and the game goes on.

If a player gets hit with a

cheap shot and gets knocked unconscious, you can bet someone on the other team is going to receive a brutal paycheck.

The only way to stop this outbreak of horrible cheapness is to keep fighting legal.

If not, then maverick policing by teams will become a common event, and so will stretchers coming onto the ice.

Getting rid of hockey fights would be to put the final nail into the NHL's American coffin. Not only because people like it when their favorite players drop the gloves, but because no one wants to see attempted murder when they are out for a night on the town.

**Committed to the Facts:** In the March 27, 2007 issue of *The Cynic* there was an incorrect photo credit. There was an action shot of Torrey Mitchell that was taken by Brian Jenkins, who is affiliated with Athletic Communications.

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SCOREBOARD

THIS WEEK AT UVM (4.10-4.16)

Tuesday (4.10)  
Baseball vs. Siena (2) (2p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Holy Cross (2p.m.)  
Wednesday (4.11)  
Softball vs. Albany (2p.m.)  
Softball vs. Albany (4p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse @ Binghamton (4p.m.)  
Thursday (4.12)  
Track and Field @ Sea Ray Relays (Univ. of Tenn.)  
Friday (4.13)  
Track and Field @ Sea Ray Relays (Univ. of Tenn.)  
Baseball @ Binghamton (3p.m.)  
Saturday (4.14)  
Track and Field @ Sea Ray Relays (Univ. of Tenn.)  
Track and Field @ Panther Invitational (Middlebury) (11a.m.)  
Baseball @ Binghamton (2) (12p.m.)  
Softball @ UMBC (12p.m.)  
Men's Lacrosse @ Albany (1p.m.)  
Women's Lacrosse @ Albany (1p.m.)  
Softball @ UMBC (2p.m.)  
Sunday (4.1)  
Softball @ UMBC (12p.m.)  
Baseball @ Binghamton (1p.m.)

LAST WEEK (4.3-4.9)

Softball  
9-16 (2-3 A-East)  
@ Hartford (2) (4.7)  
UVM 020-021-0 - 5  
Hartford 000-000-4 - 4  
UVM 000-000-0 - 0  
Hartford 100-040-X - 5  
@ Hartford (4.8)  
UVM 000-012-0 - 3  
Hartford 030-000-1 - 4  
Men's Lacrosse  
3-9 (0-0 A-East)  
vs. Binghamton (4.7)  
UVM 1-0-1-2 - 4  
Binghamton 3-4-2-1 - 10  
Women's Lacrosse  
3-9 (0-0 A-East)  
vs. Dartmouth (4.3)  
UVM 3-5 - 8  
Dartmouth 9-10 - 19  
@ LeMoyne (4.7)  
UVM 6-2 - 8  
LeMoyne 12-7 - 19  
Baseball  
8-11 (0-0 A-East)  
vs. Plattsburgh St. (4.3)  
UVM 020-202-00X - 6  
Plattsburgh St. 000-220-000 - 4  
vs. NY Tech (2) (4.8)  
UVM 000-000-000 - 0  
NY Tech 001-001-010 - 3  
UVM 010-000-0 - 1  
NY Tech 100-110-3 - 6

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

A-East Men's Lacrosse  
1. Albany 9-0 (3-0)  
2. Binghamton 3-5 (2-0)  
3. Stony Brook 5-2 (1-1)  
4. UMBC 6-4 (1-1)  
5. Vermont 3-7 (0-2)  
6. Hartford 1-9 (0-3)  
A-East Women's Lacrosse  
1. New Hampshire 6-5 (3-0)  
2. Stony Brook 9-1 (2-0)  
3. Albany 5-6 (1-1)  
4. Boston U. 4-5 (1-1)  
5. UMBC 5-7 (1-2)  
6. Vermont 3-9 (0-1)  
7. Binghamton 1-8 (0-3)  
A-East Baseball  
1. Binghamton 9-8-0 (3-0-0)  
2. Stony Brook 11-12-0 (3-0-0)  
3. Hartford 6-16-0 (3-0-0)  
4. Vermont 8-11-0 (0-0-0)  
5. Albany 10-14-0 (0-3-0)  
6. UMBC 8-16-0 (0-3-0)  
7. Maine 5-18-0 (0-3-0)  
A-East Softball  
1. Boston U. 21-8-0 (5-1-0)  
2. Stony Brook 16-9-0 (4-1-0)  
3. Hartford 12-14-0 (3-2-0)  
4. Maine 17-18-0 (2-3-0)  
5. Vermont 9-16-0 (2-3-0)  
6. Albany 16-8-0 (1-2-0)  
7. UMBC 16-8-0 (1-2-0)  
8. Binghamton 4-17-0 (1-5-0)



The Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

Pay Increase Still Falls Short

What would you say if I told you that the highest paid coach in UVM history is also the third lowest paid head coach in his conference? Well, men's basketball head coach Mike Lonergan fits each bill, in only his second year on the job. Lonergan and UVM Athletic Director Robert Corran announced last week that they have agreed to a new contract keeping Lonergan in Patrick Gym through the 2011-2012 season and pay a base salary of \$150,000 a year, a \$32,000 raise from the \$118,000 stipulated in his original deal. This move should not come as a surprise. In two seasons as head coach, Lonergan has steered UVM to 38-25 overall record and two consecutive America East championship game appearances. Lonergan's club went 25-8 this past season, winning the America East regular season championship outright and tying the school record for wins in a season with a roster featuring mostly sophomores and freshmen. To think Lonergan is a hot name in coaching circles is somewhat of an understatement — he had coach of the year honors on lockdown throughout much of New England. The UVM coach now carries the title of America East Coach of the Year and NABC District I Coach of the Year — the two most notable of several accolades on the season. His performance, according to the Burlington Free Press, drew the attention of several other Division I schools who were on the prowl for a new coach. St. Bonaventure and Quinnipiac were reportedly interested in Lonergan, but the new deal effectively nixes their efforts. Lonergan has shown what he can do with just two years and UVM has, thankfully, rewarded him. The reactive/proactive measure probably didn't come a moment too soon, but may have been a few dollars on the light side. The fact of the matter is that Lonergan, like just about every other UVM employee, is still underpaid. He makes a fraction of what some of his collegiate coaching brethren rake — literally, rake in (see: multi-millionaires Billy Donovan, Bob Huggins, Billy Gillispie). But beyond the Big College Economics, Lonergan still remains underpaid. He has finished each of his first two seasons in the conference's final game of the season. Name one other current America East coach who's done that. OK, then, new task: name a current America East head coach making more than \$200,000 a year. This is far easier — you could come up with one of four names (providing that you did the research). What I'm driving at here is that UVM is proving itself to be one of the leaders in the America East, on the court/field/whatever and off of it, yet all of our coaches remain in the lower echelon where pay is concerned. Maybe this is indicative of UVM — good people taking a hit in the bank account in order to remain in a wonderful place — but it also walks a dangerous line. Big-time athletics require big-time money and UVM will need to keep ponying up to stay ahead of the curve.

Baseball Predictions

Compiled By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Foreign Correspondent

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Austin Danforth	Red Sox	Twins	Angels	Yankees	Mets	Cardinals	Dodgers	Cubs	Red Sox over Angels	Mets over Dodgers	Red Sox over Mets
Joanna Benjamin	Yankees	Indians	Rangers	White Sox	Mets	Cubs	Diamondbacks	Phillies	White Sox over Yankees	Mets over Phillies	Mets over White Sox
Dakota Rubin	Red Sox	Twins	Angels	Indians	Mets	Reds	Dodgers	Braves	Red Sox over Angels	Mets over Dodgers	Mets over Red Sox
Josh Appelbaum	Red Sox	Tigers	A's	Angels	Mets	Reds	Padres	Braves	Red Sox over Tigers	Mets over Padres	Red Sox over Mets
Nick DeCaro	Red Sox	Tigers	Angels	Twins	Mets	Reds	Padres	Brewers	Tigers over Angels	Mets over Padres	Tigers over Mets
Kat Williams	Red Sox	Twins	A's	Tigers	Mets	Cardinals	Rockies	Braves	Red Sox over Twins	Braves over Cardinals	Red Sox over Braves
Cory Williams	Yankees	Twins	Angels	Red Sox	Phillies	Cardinals	Diamondbacks	Mets	Angels over Yankees	Phillies over Cardinals	Phillies over Angels

Becoming an International Fan

The growth of an obsession for football in Spain

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Foreign Correspondent

Before coming to Spain one of my bigger worries was what was I going to do about sports. I was arriving on the night my beloved Chicago Bears were playing in the Super Bowl. I would be here during March Madness, NBA playoffs and opening day as well as more than half of the baseball season. Where would my sports fix come from? How was I supposed to follow my teams when they play seven time zones behind me? But then I got here and was immediately swept up into the world of football (soccer for all you Americans out there).

In the states I did my fair share of following of international football. I watched the World Cup and I had my favorite players, but I was not prepared for how truly worldly the "World's Game" is. When I moved into my house here in Madrid it was made very clear to me that this was a house of Real Madrid. Barcelona had always been my team of choice in the Spanish League. I mean what's not to like with Brazilian star Ronaldinho controlling the middle of the field with his fancy footwork and passing it off to phenom and scoring machine Leo Messi? As far as Real Madrid was concerned, I had always thought of them as the glorified New York Yankees of the world. No one needs another team that buys whoever they want and gets annoyingly mad if they don't win

everything. Just like with the Yanks this was the team with all the players that I could respect for their athletic prowess. I just could never stomach the team as a whole. But that all changed when I watched my first game here in Spain. From the first minute of the game I found myself unconsciously rooting for Real Madrid with all the passion I has previously reserved for my teams from the States. All the sudden it was imperative that Madrid won. It became necessary for me to know all the latest news about the team as well as watch every game. After two months I have taken a step back and I still don't understand what happened. Everything was set up for me to be fans of Madrid's two biggest rivals. First you have Barce-

lona who has all the players I love and is one of the top clubs in the world but without the annoying swagger that I used to perceive from Madrid. And then there is Athletic de Madrid (the other team from Madrid). This season they have started to assert themselves as a force to be reckoned with in La Liga. While they will always be second tier and the underdogs in Spain and especially in Madrid, they have a unique feistiness that I love in teams. But by some stroke I have been infected with the Real Madrid bug. I now have a new view of the players and team I once thought of as arrogant and stuck up. That will leave me in a similar situation as I am in now; having a team I love so far away. But isn't that what it means to be a fan?





# Cycling Circles Athletic Campus

**UVM hosts L'enfer du Nord, their first cycling race of the spring**

UVM cycling is a recognized club at UVM, providing its members with access to collegiate races across the country through the National Collegiate Cycling Association.

The club offers its riders the benefits of being on a nationally recognized team, without the high costs of bike racing.

UVM cycling is a coed team that anyone can join.

While the team is geared towards competition, group rides are relaxed and non-competitive.

The club team welcomes riders of all abilities to join them in the thrill of riding bikes both competitively and recreationally.

UVM cycling competes in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (ECCC).

The fall season is the mountain bike season, spring is road season and the winter is cyclocross.

Races are held throughout the northeast by host schools in the ECCC.

The cycling team is sponsored by Chrome Bags, Clifbar, Giant, Michelin, Nalini, Pedros, Rudy Project, Sock Guy and Thomson.

Information from the team website <http://www.uvm.edu/~cycling/>.



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(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

## TENT CITY RETURNS

### STUDENTS STAKE TENTS AGAIN IN PROTEST FOR LIVABLE WAGE

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Staff Writer

Last year's Tent City demonstration pressured President Fogel to address livable wages for UVM workers. This year, members of UVM's Student Labor Action Project (S.L.A.P.) say that the administration has still not done enough.

According to senior demonstrator Isaac Grimm, President Fogel formed the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force in response to last year's Tent City.

The task force was comprised of administrators, faculty, staff, and students. In January they reported that the livable wage is \$13.62 for one person living on their own.

According to the S.L.A.P. website, livable wage is the hourly compensation needed in order to meet a family's basic needs, plus all applicable taxes.

The task force also reported that 250 workers, directly employed by UVM, earn less than

the calculated livable wage. Direct employees do not include those employed by independent contractors such as Sodexo, according to Sam Maron, co-president of Students for Peace & Global Justice.

Last fall, the task force submitted a document of recommendations to the administration. According to Grimm, President Fogel opposed their proposal for a livable wage for all workers.

Fogel argues that UVM is already one of the highest paying universities in the country, according to Maron, and that paying all workers the livable wage would be too costly.

According to the S.L.A.P. Web Site, President Fogel stated last November that he would take no further action on livable wages. This declaration has not ended S.L.A.P.'s actions.

After a lengthy permitting process, the group set up on the main green on Monday. Shortly after, Grounds Manager Rose Leland said the green was too wet to support Tent City, so the group relocated to their spot in front of Royall Tyler Theater. Though the space was

smaller, S.L.A.P. appreciated the central location, according to Maron.

The group was originally permitted to demonstrate through Thursday at noon, but S.L.A.P. wanted more time. On Wednesday, as the permit's expiration loomed ahead, the group negotiated an extension until Saturday.

Still, S.L.A.P. felt that the administration had too conservative an approach to the permitting process.

"Tent City equals free speech," said sophomore Elias Witman. "We want to take action, and the fact that [the administration] wants to curtail that is wrong. We should be able to do this whenever we want, as long as we're responsible and respectful."

"We have to take all the energy we've got

**PRESIDENT FOGEL STATED LAST NOVEMBER THAT HE WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION ON LIVABLE WAGES**

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## More Emphasis on Diversity

### University increases the student diversity requirement

By ELIZABETH MAZER  
Cynic Correspondent

UVM will be implementing a University wide six-credit diversity requirement for all undergraduate students starting in the fall of 2007.

"This has been in the works for sometime, a visionary dream realized," Wanda Heading-Grant, the Interim Associate Provost for multicultural affairs said, "we started working on this in 2005 when Provost Bramley was still in office."

Wanda Heading-Grant is a 1987 graduate from UVM, during her time at the University she was one of few African American women students.

Grant has been working for the University for over 17 years and currently has been spearheading the movement for the six-credit diversity requirement.

"Diversity is a necessary step to promote a worldview of culture," Sophomore Drew Sander said "this is great, especially in a state that is over 90 percent white and a school that is 94 percent."

In May 2006, the Board of Trustees passed the proposal for a six-credit diversity re-

quirement. With this, a Diversity Curriculum Review Committee (DCRC) was created.

"The role of the DCRC will be to develop, maintain and monitor the portfolio of academic courses and experiences in the diversity curriculum and to make recommendations for potential changes to the diversity requirements to the Faculty Senate," stated the commission report sent out to all UVM students.

"The diversity requirement has been a long time coming. Things have come a long way since that day in 1988 when students took over Waterman

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### Senatorial Election Winners

[For more election coverage, turn to page A3]

#### ON-CAMPUS

Adam Grodman  
Chris Shackett  
Eddy Foster  
James Taylor  
John Colin Quinn  
Joshua Mangiagli  
Julie Desrochers  
Kevin Issadore  
Lauren Buck  
Michael Glynne  
Thomas Ford-Hutchinson\*  
Katherine Ashe\*  
Katherine Jones\*

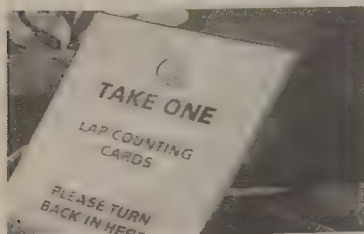
#### OFF-CAMPUS

Adam Crawford  
Ben Porter  
Christina Wehry  
Drew Sander  
Emma Grady  
Harry Mallory  
Jane Zucker  
Joe Sheridan  
Joshua Miller  
Kaitie Conrad  
Liz Bearese  
Lizzy Mazer  
Lydia Morin  
Mackenzie Leonard

Mandy Frank  
Marissa Couzens  
Matthew Goodman  
Maxwell Fein  
Ross Nizlek  
Scott McCarty  
Seth Corthell

\*indicates write-in

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UVM student organizations come together to raise money

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Freshmen Star Joe Trapani opts to transfer, citing personal reasons.

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A tent city photo journal, Ziggy & Ryd2 interviews, and iPod culture

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# Students Walk to Raise Money for Charity

**Organizations raise over \$40,000 for the American Cancer Society in Twelve Hour Festival**

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Staff Writer

Dozens of UVM students gathered in front of University Heights for the first annual UVM Relay for Life last Saturday, which raised over \$46,000.

According to Elyse Gamdella, the philanthropy/service chair of the Panhellenic Council, UVM students raised enough money to be ranked within the top 15 of all College Relays in New England.

Relay for Life is a fifteen hour run or walk where teams raise money for the American Cancer Society. Teams switch off runners for an entire day and night to "honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it," According to the Relay for Life Web Site.

The event was held between University Heights and Harris/Millis. The lawn was covered in tents and socializing students. Students played frisbee, ate food and listened to music while others circled

the bus loop.

Relay for Life began in the mid-80s when a colorectal surgeon, Dr. Klatt, decided he wanted to raise money for the local branch of the American Cancer Society. He established a personal challenge using his marathon experience as a basis.

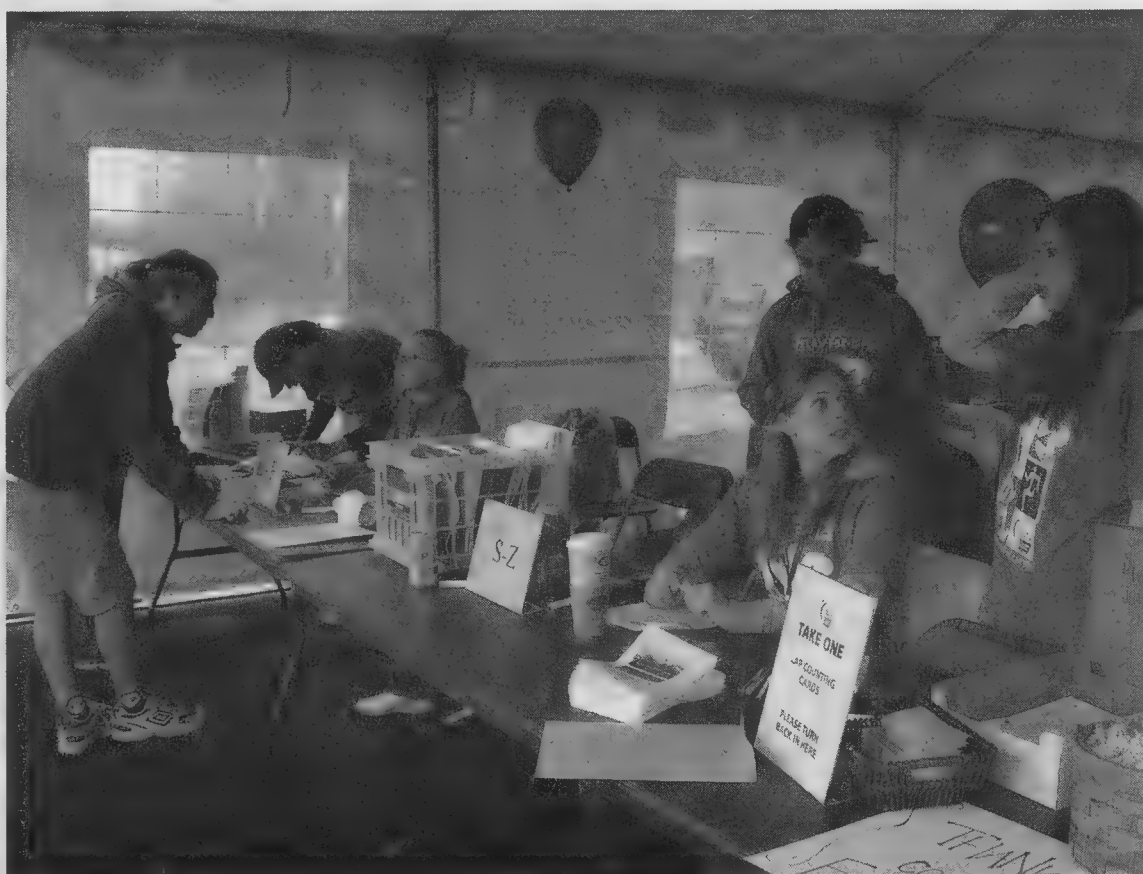
According to the Relay-Web Site, Klatt spent a grueling 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma for more than 83 miles. Throughout the night, friends paid \$25 to run or walk 30 minutes with him. He raised \$27,000 to fight cancer.

Within the next year, the first Relay for Life was held raising \$33,000.

Gamdella wanted to start an event that brought the UVM and Greek communities together, Gamdella said, after hearing about Relay for Life, she thought it would be perfect for UVM.

"Both the Greek Community and UVM community have really come together over the past year to take the initiative and start this amazing event," Gamdella said.

Mike Lauf, a UVM sophomore who participated in the Relay, raised the most funds of any individual student, according to Relay for Life tallies. Lauf raised over two thou-



Students register groups at Relay For Life for the overnight event.

(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

sand dollars in memory of his father who died of lung cancer in 2001.

"When I found that UVM was hosting a Relay, I jumped at the opportunity to get in-

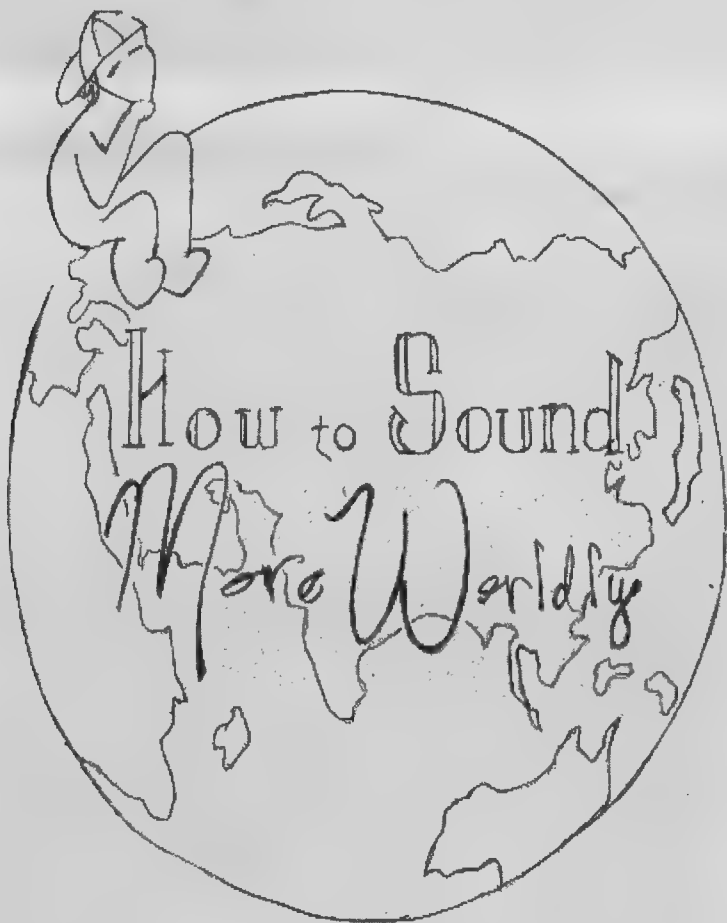
involved," Lauf said.

While this is Lauf's first Relay, his brother has participated in Relay for Life for the past four years at Washington University.

Alpha Chi Omega's team raised over \$10,000, which is the most of any team.

Approximately, four hundred UVM students participated in Relay for Life.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### • Acclaimed writer, Kurt Vonnegut, dead at 84

Kurt Vonnegut died at the age of 84. Vonnegut was a prolific writer who was notable for such books as "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "Cats in the Hat." Vonnegut led a tumultuous life, and failed in an attempt to commit suicide. Vonnegut's most popular book, "Slaughterhouse-Five" was based on his experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II.

### • New Jersey governor in critical condition

Jon Corzine, the Governor of New Jersey, is in critical condition after his car was in a crash on the way to mediate a discussion between radio personality Don Imus and the Rutgers women's basketball team. Corzine remains in critical condition after breaking various bones. Corzine was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. Corzine has undergone surgery for fluid in his lungs.

### • Duke lacrosse players acquitted

The Attorney General of North Carolina has found the three Duke University lacrosse players who had been charged with rape, innocent of all charges. The District Attorney, Mike Nifong, has been removed from the case and has received ire for his handling of the case, and is facing disbarment.

### • "Tiny Bubbles" singer dead at 76

Don Ho, the Hawaiian musician noted for the song "Tiny Bubbles" died at the age of 76. Ho became synonymous with the Hawaiian image of being a tourist destination. Ho could usually be found with a floral shirt on. Ho's death is attributed to heart complications.

### • "Imus in the Morning" star off the air

Don Imus, a radio personality, has been removed from the airwaves after spouting racial epithets on air in regards to the Rutgers women's basketball team. Imus was first dropped by MSNBC and later by CBS. This was not the first incident for Imus that drew criticism. The Rev. Al Sharpton, a prominent African-American activist was vocal in the call for Imus to be taken off the air, and Gov. Corzine of New Jersey was to mediate a discussion between Imus and the women's basketball team.

### • Chess champ arrested in Russia

Gary Kasparov, the former Chess champion, was arrested after participating in a march in Russia. Kasparov has turned his attentions recently from chess to being active in opposition politics against Vladimir Putin's presidency in Russia. Two hundred other participants were also arrested.

### • Secular Turks take to the streets

Over 300,000 people took to the streets in Turkey to protest what they feel is a government that is becoming increasingly controlled by Islamic groups. This is another in a long line of battles between secular groups and Islamic groups in Turkey.

### • Nigeria attempts calm elections, world awaits results

Nigeria, the largest producer of crude oil in Africa, voted this week for all levels of their government. The election was marred by violence as militia groups attacked police stations and other government buildings. Voters were also met by a wide variety of voter intimidation. If the election goes smoothly it will be the first time in the history of the country a peaceful governmental transition will have occurred.

### • Sudanese rebel group meets for coup conference

Sudanese rebel groups of all types are meeting this week to discuss a coalition against the ruling Sudanese government. This marks one of the first times Arab and non-Arab rebel groups are meeting together in Darfur.

### • Cheney thinks Democrats will "blink" on war spending bill

Vice President Dick Cheney told reporters that he was "willing to bet" that Democrats would approve a War Spending bill that does not call for removal of troops. Democrats reproached the Vice President for his comments and told reporters that Cheney had lost all credibility.

### • Sea Lion Attacks

A 13-year-old Australian girl was attacked by a sea lion while surfing on the western coast of Australia. The sea lion jumped out of the water and broke the girl's jaw and knocked out three teeth. Marine biologists say that a sea lion attacking is very rare, and is in no way normal.

# Students Elect Representatives to SGA

ON-CAMPUS WINNERS	VOTES
Adam Grodman	515
Chris Shackett	530
Eddy Foster	450
James Taylor	603
John Colin Quinn	491
Joshua Mangiagli	499
Julie Desrochers	488
Kevin Issadore	453
Lauren Buck	531
Michael Glynne	566
Write In	293

OFF-CAMPUS WINNERS	VOTES
Adam Crawford	400
Ben Porter	551
Christina Wehry	285
Drew Sander	241
Emma Grady	311
Harry Mallory	285
Jane Zucker	281
Joe Sheridan	241
Joshua Miller	320
Kaitie Conrad	297
Liz Bearese	302
Lizzy Mazer	531
Lydia Morin	430
Mackenzie Leonard	266
Mandy Frank	315
Marissa Couzens	264
Matthew Goodman	298
Maxwell Fein	239
Ross Nizlek	259
Scott McCarty	559
Seth Corthell	309

## SGA elections go online and voter turnout goes up in Student Senate race

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Cynic Correspondent

Last week, students decided who would fill 35 seats available for SGA Senators. 1,841 students voted in the online elections.

Fourteen of the 35 elected will be serving their first term as SGA Senators. Incumbents filled five of the 15 available on-campus seats, and 16 of the 20 available off-campus seats.

Among the re-elected on-campus incumbents is James Taylor. Taylor received 603 votes, more than any other on-campus or off-campus candidate.

*"I told a few friends to put me as a write-in candidate and asked them to spread the word."*

-Katy Jones, SGA Senator

"First, I think that there are a lot of people who have seen my name in connection to something SGA has done for them," Taylor said, explaining the high vote-count.

"Second, and sometimes it sucks way more than it helps, my parents named me 'James Taylor,'" he said. Taylor hopes to continue his

work regarding town-gown relations and student safety in his next term.

Off-campus incumbent Scott McCarty received 559 votes, more than any other off-campus candidate. McCarty ran unsuccessfully for SGA President earlier in the semester, but calls the loss "a blessing in disguise".

McCarty hopes to be re-appointed to his position as chair of the Legislative Action Committee, and continue to improve student safety in his next term. He has been a driving force behind SGA's Have-A-Heart and Student-Neighbor Liaison programs.

Only 10 students appeared on the ballot for on-campus seats, leaving five seats available for write-in candidates. One of the successful write-in candidates is Katherine Ashe.

Ashe began her campaign the night before elections began.

"I was really surprised it all worked out in my favor," she said. Ashe plans to take "a detailed look" at the dry campus policy while she is in office.

Katy Jones, another successful write-in candidate, was similarly surprised that she had qualified for a seat.

"When I heard there were not enough people to fill the on-campus spots," Jones said, "I told a few friends to put me as a write-in candidate and asked them to spread the word." All on-campus write-in candidates combined received 293 votes.

Last week marked the

first major use of the new online voting system. The system was introduced during the first-year senatorial elections in the fall, which had the highest voter turnout for first-year elections ever, according to Secretary of Elections Renee Lariviere.

Total voter turnout for last week's senate elections was higher than for this year's

*"Total voter turnout for last week's senate elections was higher than for this year's presidential elections."*

presidential elections, which were conducted with traditional ballot boxes. Higher turnout for senatorial elections than presidential elections is "pretty unusual," according to Lariviere.

Taylor likes the new online system. "There's no paper, it is encrypted to be tamper proof, and the results are instant," he said. Lariviere says that she would not be surprised to see the online system used for next year's presidential elections.

All newly elected candidates, including President-Elect Kesha Ram and Vice-President-Elect DaVaughn Bryan, will take office on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 following a dinner and celebration at the ECHO Center in Burlington.

# Author Speaks About Mercenary Army

By JAMES TURITTO  
Staff Writer

Independent journalist and recently acclaimed author Jeremy Scahill spoke last Friday night at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Pearl Street. Scahill's speech is part of a 12-city tour to introduce his new book, "Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army."

"I am not a Democrat, I am not a Republican. I am a journalist," Scahill said. "I have come here tonight to expose the Bush Administration's private contracting of armed mercenaries in Iraq."

"Blackwater," which debuted on The New York Times best seller list on April 8, "skillfully chronicles the birth of America's frightening Praetorian Guard, one that has been unleashed 25,000-strong--in Iraq," wrote Christopher Hedges, former New York Times Middle East bureau chief.

On March 31, 2004, the media exposed Blackwater. Four ex-marines were ambushed, killed and set on fire by a mob in Fallujah. According to Scahill, the four men were sent to Iraq to provide security for Paul Bremer.

The book is striking a chord among many Americans. On March 26, 2007 Time published an article on Blackwater entitled, "Casualties of an Outsourced War." The article detailed multiple families whose children died in Iraq

while on missions for Blackwater.

Last February, Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich held a committee to investigate the actions of Blackwater and other private security firms in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is now calling for all U.S. contractors to be withdrawn from Iraq.

The company was founded in 1997 by Erik Prince, an ex-Navy Seal. It has a 7,000 acre training facility in North Carolina, and is rapidly expanding, Scahill said. Coffey Black, former State Department Counterterrorism chief, is the number two man at Blackwater.

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-Jeremy Scahill

According to their Web Site, Blackwater's mission is "to support national and international security policies that protect those who are defenseless and provide a free voice for all with a dedication to providing ethical, efficient, and effective turn-key solutions."

"It's erroneous to call them private contractors," Scahill said. "It makes them sound like they are water treatment specialists, but in reality they are armed mercenaries."



Author Jeremy Scahill speaks to Ed and Nancy Fulton of Jericho

(Ian Jansen-Lonquist/Vermont Cynic)

are armed mercenaries."

There are no laws governing their presence there, he continued.

With the anti-war movement growing in America, the story of Blackwater adds more fuel to the fire. Most Americans assume there are around 135,000-140,000 troops in Iraq, Scahill said. "But in reality, with approximately 125,000 private contractors, there are over 250,000 occupation forces on the ground," he said.

The missions and goals of Blackwater are constantly expanding, Scahill said. Since June 2004, the State Department has contracted Blackwater for a sum of \$750 million. Blackwater was also contracted to provide security in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

According to a CNN televised report on June 16, 2006, Blackwater has been urging the Bush Administration to hire them as peacekeeping troops in Darfur. With the rap-

id growth in privatized military worldwide, it is building a second training facility in Illinois, according to the report.

Blackwater USA is a recent phenomenon in the world of private security forces. But with the rise of privatization and globalization in the past decade, it has become more common for the government to seek companies like them, Scahill said.



# SGA Shows Support for Tent City with Resolution



Organizer Sam Maron sits at Tent City

(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK

Staff Writer

In a unanimous vote on Tuesday, April 10, SGA passed a resolution in support of freedom of speech on campus and the Tent City for Livable Wages demonstration outside Royall Tyler Theatre.

Sam Maron, Chair of the Student Action Committee, introduced the resolution. Maron is also Co-President of Students for Peace & Global Justice (SPGJ), which organized Tent City.

At Tuesday's meeting, Maron said he was introducing the resolution in response to a considerable delay in the permitting process for Tent City by the university's administration.

"There has been a lot of resistance and dragging of the feet," he told the senate. "It seems like the administration doesn't want us there."

According to Maron, SPGJ waited more than four weeks for a definitive response from the administration regarding a permit for Tent City.

10 senators co-signed the resolution, which says that the freedoms of speech, expression, and dissent "are being eroded at the University of Vermont."

Furthermore, the resolution states that SGA supports the Tent City for Livable Wages, and that "the UVM Administration should implement the permitting process for symbolic structures in a fair and expedited manner regardless of the content of the demonstration."

Several senators declared their approval of Maron's resolution and SPGJ's Tent City.

"I love the Tent City," Seth Corthell, a co-signer of the resolution said. "I think it's a great display of student activism."

"The university should look at the demonstration and the support it has gathered, and maybe reopen the conversation for livable wages," Corthell continued.

Kaitie Conrad commended Maron and SPGJ's dedication to the issue.

According to Maron,

SPGJ's permit allows them to remain in front of Royall Tyler Theatre until Saturday, April 14. Maron said that the Provost threatened expulsion, imprisonment, and a fine for overstaying the permit during last year's Tent City.

According to Maron, SGA has supported similar resolutions in the past. In 2005, SGA passed a bill in support of a Basic Needs Budget, which

stated, "All UVM workers are entitled to compensation that meets their basic needs."

SPGJ hopes the passing of the recent resolution will put pressure on the administration to expedite permitting processes in the future, and ultimately help to reopen the discussion regarding livable wages for UVM workers.

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# College Dems Host Celebration

College Democrats's headlining event is postponed until later in the month

By ALLISON STOUT

Staff Writer

The College Democrats hosted a wide range of events from April 9 through the 13 to celebrate and promote their causes.

"Instead of having lots of little events, we decided to pool our focus and energy into one week of events, each day with a different theme," said senior Kevin Lumpkin, president of the UVM College Democrats.

The group kicked off their week on Monday outside of the Bailey/Howe Library by "introducing the Democratic

dents who stopped by painted "what 'equal rights' means to them," according to the schedule of events.

Students painted a variety of images, including sex symbols, scales of justice, peace signs, and a flock of seagulls. "Someone even painted a monkey," freshman Eddy Foster, Vice President of the club, said.

Thursday's event—a speaker—was supposed to be the highlight of the week, according to Lumpkin, but had to be rescheduled due to the predicted heavy amounts of snow.

The speaker, 97-year-old political activist Doris "Granny D" Haddock, walked across the country—over 3000 miles, at age 89 to support campaign reform, according to her website.

"She's coming to UVM to talk to students about how one person can make a difference in the world," said Lumpkin.

Granny D's presentation has been rescheduled for April 26th. The group said this will give them more time to advertise Granny D's visit, and allow them to focus more energy on it and make it a bigger event.

Without Granny D, the big finale was Friday's event, held in front of the bookstore, with "the spotlight on everything local," according to the schedule of events.

Local politicians, such as Rachel Weston and Jason Lorber, came to meet some of the students they represent. With "a focus on Vermont and local politicians, it is a way for students to give direct feedback to their representatives," said Lumpkin.

"It can be hard to get people to come to lectures and meetings, but free magazines and cookies are a big draw," said Foster.

The group "planned the week to be in April so it would be warm," said Foster, but he said that the unpredictably cold weather did not seem to get in the way.

The week was "a pretty good success," said Lumpkin. "We had a lot of fun. It was great to interact with different students and to re-introduce the College Democrats to the UVM community."

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-Kevin Lumpkin, President of College Democrats

Party to the UVM community," according to their schedule of events.

"Donkey shaped cookies [were] sold as a fundraiser for the group," and information on the Democratic candidates for the 2008 Presidential election was available.

On Tuesday the group hosted a continuous showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" to promote their environmentally-friendly views. The film viewing—which was held in the Old Mill John Dewey Lounge—was free for all students, and literature on global warming and other environmental issues was available.

"A lot of people came and watched between classes," said Lumpkin, "and there were a few who hadn't seen it before and stayed for the whole time."

The event on Wednesday was a canvas that was painted by UVM students. The stu-

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Meetings are Monday Night

7 p.m.  
Marsh Lounge



# 9/11 Truth Movement Comes to UVM

**Students starts 9/11 Truth organization to raise awareness of alternative theories**

By ELIZABETH MAZER

*Cynic Correspondent*

Several students around our campus are creating a stir by pushing for a reinvestigation of the events of 9/11

Discontent with a wide array of aspects of the initial investigation led to the creation of The 9/11 Truth Movement, which has found a home on UVM's campus.

Keith Zengel, a freshman and president of the newly initiated organization, helped bring this movement to UVM. His efforts have culminated in the official recognition of The 9/11 Truth Movement by the Student Government Association.

The club meets on Wednesday evenings in Wa-

terman Memorial Lounge and currently has eight active members with a Facebook group of 49 members.

The mission of the movement is to "inspire the students of UVM to discuss the causes, events and repercussions of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, whether they support the official theory or not," Zengel said.

"This club represents the goals of the national movement in that it aims to put forth to students that there may be a larger truth behind events of that day, or that they were not properly presented by the Bush administration," Zengel said.

"The ultimate outcome of the national movement is to call for a reinvestigation of the 9/11 Commission which was put together to answer over 400 questions posed by family members of the victims of the attacks," Zengel said. "The vast majority of those questions were omitted, distorted or fallaciously answered."

As of now, the administration refuses to readress these questions claiming that the 9/11 commission report is accurate, according to 9/11 Truth.org.

There has been a massive amount of information that has emerged since 9/11 that points us in the

opposite direction and many Americans are taking a stand to demand for this reinvestigation, according to 9/11 Truth.org.

"A monumental new scientific opinion poll has emerged which declares that only 16 percent of people in America now believe the official government explanation of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks," Steve Watson a reporter for *The New York Times* said.

"The White House is continuing to withhold several highly classified intelligence documents from the panel," said Thomas H. Kean, the former governor of New Jersey and chairman of the federal commission investigation of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The White House and President Bush's re-election campaign had reason to fear what the Commission was uncovering in its investigation of intelligence and law enforcement failures before Sept. 11. As each day goes by, we learn that this government knew a whole lot more about these terrorists before Sept. 11 than it has ever admitted."

9/11 Truth.org is the leading group pushing for the reinvestigation of the events on 9/11.

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## TENT CITY

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and direct it at President Fogel so he'll sit down with us," Maron said, "Everybody else is on our side."

Burlington Representative Rachel Weston and State Senator Ed Flanagan dropped by to show their support. Reporters from WCAX News and *Seven Days* attended S.L.A.P.'s press conference on Wednesday.

The UVM police monitored Tent City throughout the week and reported no problems. "The kids have been respectful," Officer Brenda Tetrault said. "We just interact with them to make sure they're alright—that they aren't freezing."

Pat Brown, Director of Student Life, expressed concern for the group's safety, according to Maron. Brown worried that Tent City would be a navigational hazard as students walked across campus. He also encouraged the demonstrators to have a night-watch system.

S.L.A.P. members understood the administration's concern. In 1985, students erected a shantytown on the green to protest apartheid. According to Maron, the protestors received death and arson threats, and someone drove their truck into the shantytown.

## DIVERSITY

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demanding more attention for students of color and issues of diversity, racism, and multiculturalism," Kesha Ram, the newly elected president of SGA said.

Ram served on the Presidential Commission for Racial Diversity during the creation and passing of this requirement.

"As workplaces and neighborhoods become increasingly diverse, we need to be graduating students who are culturally competent in various settings and with people of different races and national origins. We are the last of the public institutions in New England to create a campus-wide diversity require-

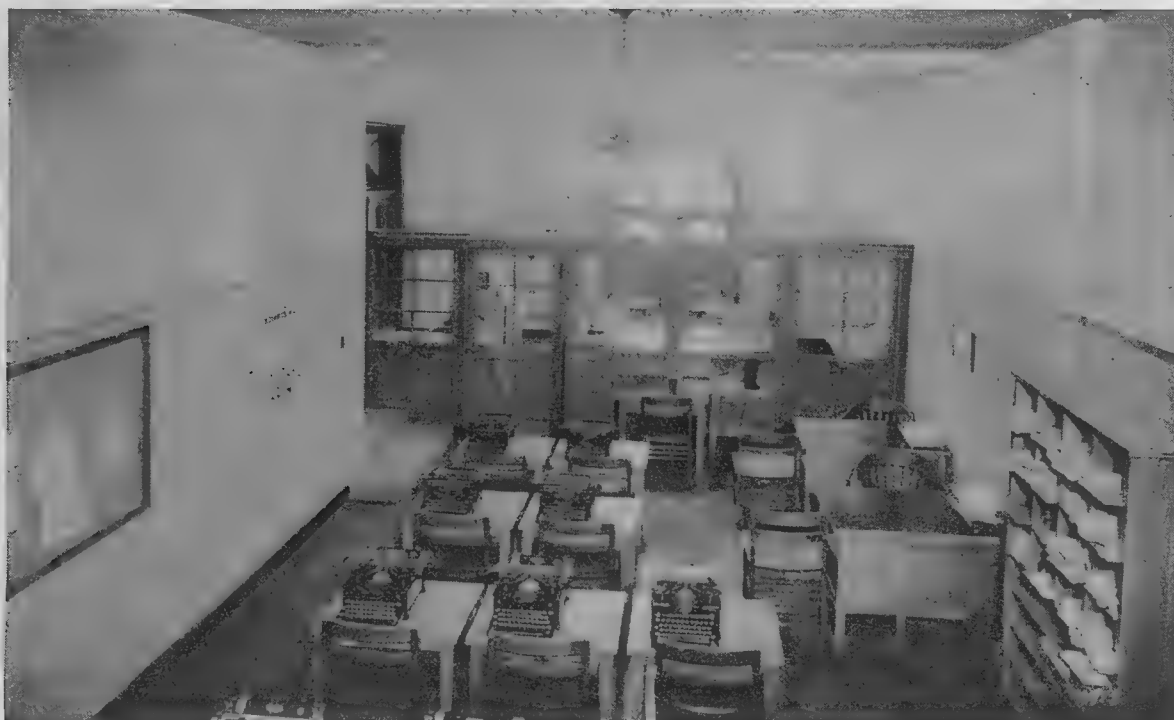
ment," Ram said.

Many students are up in arms about this requirement, specifically because the e-mail sent to all students left out that the requirement will not be a requirement for any current students but for the incoming class of 2011.

"I don't understand why we need more requirements when we have so many thrust on us already," freshmen Lisa Harris said.

"It's not that I don't think learning about diversity is important, but I think we already have classes covering diversity and this puts more pressure on students," Harris said.

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**The Cynic's  
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"The president's right to control his own message includes the right to exclude people expressing discordant viewpoints from the audience,"

A Brief filed by  
White House  
lawyer Sean  
Gallagher

## Soc. 222 Aging and Ethical Issues



## 'No-Idling' Can Go Further

Austin Danforth - Editor-in-Chief

Last week, the city of Burlington announced its renewed enforcement and emphasis of an anti-idling ordinance dating back to 1990. The ordinance prohibits the idling of vehicles — with four exceptions — for more than five minutes between April 1 and Nov. 1.

The SGA Senate beat the local officials to the punch, passing a similar "no-idling" resolution earlier this semester. Exceptions were granted under this measure as well.

These measures carry the best of intentions, for our community and our environment. With the constant, increasing and necessary attention being given to the issue of global warming and climate change, anything less would be irresponsible.

Moreover, our community is a remarkable one for making such responsible legislation a priority, even if the subsequent actions fall short of their utmost potential.

It requires dialogue and legislation of this kind to incite effective action, even if

the time lag proves unsatisfactory.

Yet the fact remains: As environmental and social leaders, the city of Burlington and the University of Vermont should take these measures even further, with fewer exceptions, more strict enforcement and more substantial penalties. We owe this precedent to our peers around the globe, and above all, we owe it to ourselves.

Last summer, the city of Burlington reinforced their commitment to a pervasive no-idling policy by passing a resolution for the city ordinance to be enforced for city-owned vehicles. Some departments had already carried out these measures internally.

However, notable exceptions to anti-idling legislation — according to *The Burlington Free Press*, Vermont and Maine are the only two states with any such laws — include provisions for refrigerated trucks and vehicles whose idling is necessary to repair or maintenance of critical infrastructure (roads, buildings and other utilities).

Police vehicles are not explicitly in-

cluded in the exceptions. They should be.

While refrigeration trucks would become meaningless if they were forced to be shut off, police vehicles, on the other hand, are often left unattended and running on campus, in the city and just about everywhere else. They would not lose their purpose if they were prohibited from idling.

This gratuitous contribution to pollution cuts right to the heart of the very argument being made by city officials and environmentalists alike. If there are obstacles to or arguments against requiring police cars to stop idling, then they need to be overcome, and fast.

UVM prides itself on being the "Environmental University." Burlington prides itself on being a forward-thinking community. However, if we cannot think of ways to solve this issue and make no-idling policy a standard across the board — and police vehicles are a great start — we may need to come up with new self-imposed monikers.

## The Reverse Effect

Kensington Moore - News Editor

population, but are the policies they are currently pursuing conducive to that environment?

The trajectory of UVM's policies and their enforcement has led to an environment that is in direct conflict with the traditionally held view of the collegiate setting as a place to discern both a student's external world and its composition and the student's internal self.

The examples of this manifest themselves throughout UVM's policy towards drinking and other disciplinary infractions.

For example, the dry dorm policy and its strict enforcement have pushed students downtown.

In an ideal world, students would abstain from the underage consumption of alcohol and, when they reach the mandated age, instinctively know the effects of it and their own limitations concerning alcohol.

We don't live in this fantasyland. Students need to experiment in order to understand the intricacies of alcohol and its effect on themselves.

This experimentation has traditionally taken place in the relative safety of the dormitories, where students are surrounded by sympathetic and like-minded peers and the help of a resident advisor or trusted friend was never far away.

But, in fear of harsh disciplinary repercussions many young students have attempted to find alternative places to experiment. This has led many to the downtown party scene where they are met with an older and more experienced crowd whose habits are considerably more advanced.

This dangerous trend is but one of the problems directly resulting from an administration that is doing incredible harm under the guise of protection for the undergraduate population.

It would be prudent at this point for the Universities administration to reflect on the policies they are currently pursuing and determine whether they are in the best interests of the safety and health of the students or simply a political move to improve the image of the University.



### Firing Squad!

Kyle Sampson, left, former Chief of Staff for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, is sworn in by Vermont Senator Pat Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee during the committee's investigation of the firing of eight federal attorneys.

## Letter to the Editor

### An Open Letter to Men at UVM

As we begin to enter the last few weeks of the academic year, it is important to reflect on some of the sad and troubling memories of the past year.

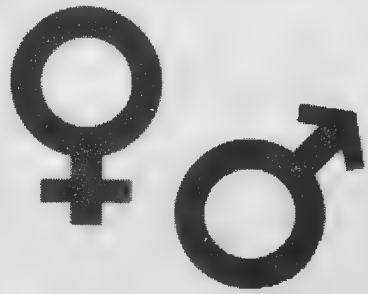
We just barely started the semester when Michelle Gardner-Quinn was abducted and murdered, leaving a community struggling to understand why. Throughout the year the Women's Center has seen a record number of women seeking support following assaults and other forms of violence against women. All the self-defense classes, safety summits, and lighting studies can only do so much.

A major part of the solution is changing the way men participate and dominate our society.

We as men at UVM need to step up and work actively to dismantle a culture that consistently supports the objectification of women and violence against all people.

Each of us has friends, sisters, mothers, cousins or partners we love. It is up to us to make sure they do not experience the profound and lasting impact of violence.

A few great ways to get involved as the year ends include showing support for the women in our lives and education. On April 24, UVM is hosting the Dismantling Rape Culture Conference in Billings. It is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and you can attend



all or part of the day. There are several educational sessions directed to men and the actions that we can take to end the rape culture.

You can learn more about yourself and the power you bring to social change. Register at <http://www.uvm.edu/~women>.

You can also get involved in the student organization Men Advocating Change. They have been working for the past few years on a variety of programs that educate and challenge all of us in bringing about change. You can learn more at [uvm.edu/~mac](http://uvm.edu/~mac).

We cannot change the world overnight, but each effort that men take moves us forward to a place that is safer and more just is a step forward. Upon reflection of the past year, each of us men is obligated to do this work. Thank you.

**PATRICK BROWN, JOHN ABBOTT, JUSTIN GERBOC, CHRIS EVANS, THE MEN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT LIFE**

JEREMEY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## Something Radical

At what point do the lies and injustices of government become too much to bear? At what point do its atrocities, and the contempt that it holds against us legitimize violent overthrow? These questions most urgently need to be asked.

For too long, the government of the United States has harbored a complacent and apathetic people who simply do not care when the leaders of its nation do things that they should not.

Our leaders do not need to be crafty about it. They lie brazenly and with impunity, and often produce excuses that defy sense or reason.

The white house claims to have lost — by some accounts — 5 million e-mails. Among the multitudes disappeared were an impossible four years of presidential advisor Carl Rove's communications. The timing of this, when Democrats are trying to subpoena documents regarding what is only the most recent scandal, so strongly suggests misconduct that Vermont Senator Pat Leahy compared it on the Senate floor to the excuse "my dog ate my homework".

For two terms, our president has consistently lied to us, misled us, sent us to war, spied on us, and eroded our constitutionally guaranteed rights.

For seven years, we have suffered a leadership which is not only incompetent and foolish, but which takes no heed of the wishes and interests of its people.

Still, the government continues to rule with the same strength and legitimacy as always. Somehow we are powerless to do anything about it; the Bush administration calmly sails on.

Contract theory holds that a government that fails to carry out its responsibilities to its citizens may be overthrown, and was a pillar of thought for the founders of this nation.

Yet at some point, the United States lost the incentive to uphold its end of the bargain. And its citizenry; idle, complacent in material wealth, and physically unable to mount a viable resistance, is unwilling to ask the question, "Is it time?"

A good republic is not possible like this. The base of population needs to be the active fourth branch of government. In exchange for a lack of direct influence in governmental affairs, we need to hold a check over all three other branches, we need to hold in our hands, over the heads of our nation's officials, the possibility of violent demise. Otherwise, they shall gain too much power, and begin to ignore the interests of its people.

As citizens of this nation, we need to show our anger in its misdeeds. We need to somehow give our leaders the message that we will only bear so much.

Our patience cannot be unlimited.



JONATHAN MATTHIESSEN KYLE

## Reform Campaign Financing

I'm not sure if the American public has ever been less trusting of its political leaders. The root of much of the distrust stems from the perceived influence that "dirty money" has in Washington.

With the 2008 presidential election on the horizon, candidates are already scrounging together every dollar they can. If 2004 was any indication, there's no such thing as having too much money for campaigning.

Both George Bush and John Kerry raised and spent more than \$300 million during their 2004 duel for the White House, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Bush won both the race for funds and the presidency, edging Kerry in money spent by more than \$35 million, according to the FEC.

While it can't be assumed that money spent ultimately decided the 2004 election, its importance should not be underestimated.

On the campaign trail, the media can be a candidate's most valuable asset. Advertising, particularly via television and the Internet, are two of the primary means of campaigning. The process is costly and donations from corporate entities and private donors have become a key ingredient to success.

There is no real way to measure how donations affect a candidate's political agenda. It's hard to believe, though, that corporations making six and seven-figure donations will have their interests disregarded should the candidate win.

The top contributors to the Bush campaign included several major corporations such as Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. Having such strong ties to the financial sector would seemingly bring about huge potential for a conflict of interest when Bush has to propose his next tax reform.

This begs the question: how much does soft money compromise a candidate's integrity? And more importantly, should it be allowed?

A natural inclination to protect the interests of those who helped get you into office surely exists with candidates at any level of political office. What makes this especially frightening at the presidential level is that the interests of a few can impact the lives of so many.

Furthermore, the advantage seems to go to the candidate who has their hands in the most pockets.

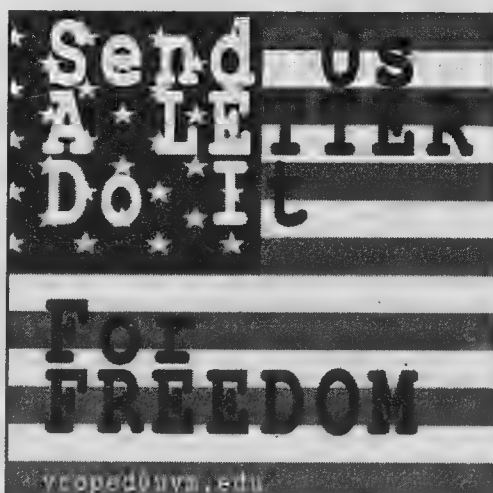
Hillary Clinton currently leads all 2008 presidential candidates in money raised with more than \$26 million, according to a recent Associated Press report. Barack Obama is a close second with just over \$25 million. This money has been accumulated just over during the past three months. Campaigning hasn't even neared its peak.

If each candidate was only allowed a set amount of money that came exclusively from federal funds, the playing field would be leveled and candidates would no longer need to consider the interests of their top donors when designing their political agenda.

The best way to restore America's image is from the top down. In a country that desperately needs a political makeover, could there be a better time to start than now?



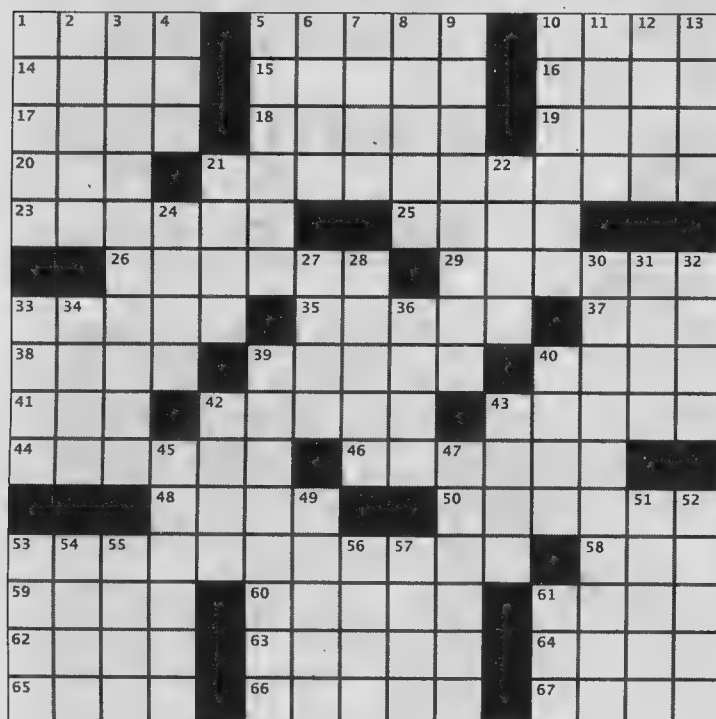
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- 1- Hoof sound  
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10- In the sack  
14- Dynamic beginning  
15- Stupid person  
16- Story  
17- Regular payment for agreed hire  
18- Swimming holes  
19- Not false  
20- Division of geologic time  
21- Area of contention  
23- Emblem  
25- Primordial giant in Norse myth  
26- Off-course  
29- Respiration  
33- Argument  
35- Brides walk down it  
37- Vegas roller  
38- Not fooled by  
39- Chop into small pieces  
40- At any time  
41- Room within a harem  
42- Hood-shaped anatomical part  
43- Got up  
44- Liquefied by heat  
46- Semitic language  
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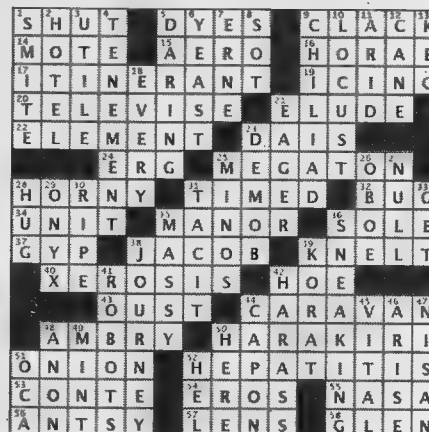
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67- Singles

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3- Decorative  
4- Cooking container  
5- An African antelope  
6- Smoke deposit  
7- Horse's gait  
8- Hard candy  
9- Costume  
10- Clothing  
11- Uncover  
12- 12th month of the Jewish religious calendar  
13- Feat  
21- Emerged  
22- Process of combustion  
24- Vigor  
27- Arrest  
28- Fungal infection  
30- Advocacy  
31- Fastens a knot  
32- "You are \_\_\_\_"  
33- Chamber  
34- Go back, in a way  
36- Skin marking, often due to injury  
39- Lace head scarf  
40- "\_\_\_\_ Brockovich"

- 42- Equipment  
43- Son of Adam and Eve in the Old Testament  
45- Bell used to sound an alarm  
47- Rhododendron kin  
49- Condescend  
51- Mother-of-pearl  
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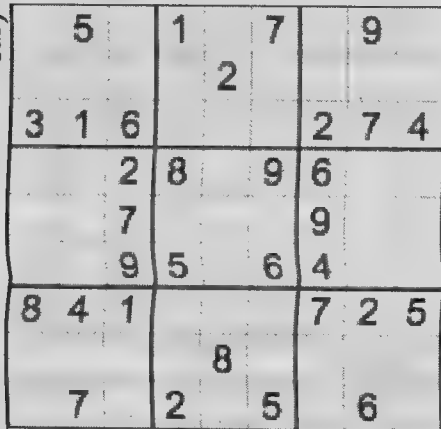
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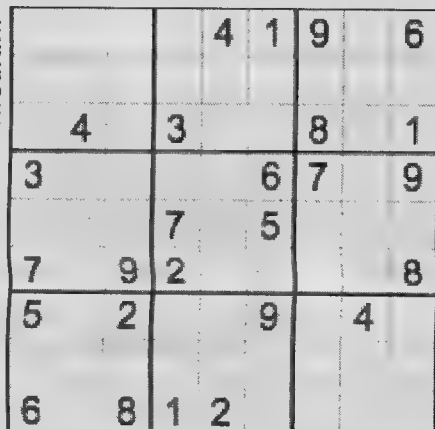
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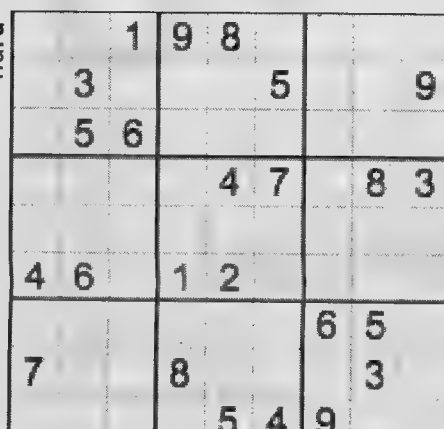
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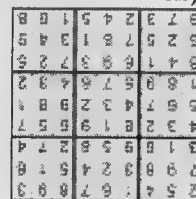
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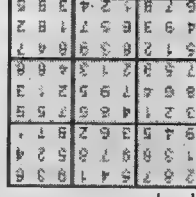
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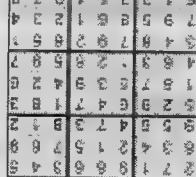
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## College Gourmet

### ... Pancetta Pizza

- 1 pizza dough (recipe at the end)  
desired amount of pancetta, sliced thin  
1 large apple, shredded  
1 purple onion, caramelized  
4 ounces herbed goat cheese  
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese

Roll out the dough thin on a rectangular pan. Don't forget to put oil and/or flour on the pan! This will prevent the dough from sticking. Sprinkle half of the cheddar on the dough. Put the pancetta evenly across of the dough. Distribute the apple and caramelized onion. Evenly dollop the goat cheese and sprinkle the rest of the cheddar over top. Bake at a 375 degree oven for 15-20 minutes, until crust is starting to just brown and cheeses are melted.

- Pizza Dough**  
1 cup warm water  
1 packet active dry yeast  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons olive oil

Pour water in bowl, stir in yeast and let dissolve, about 5 minutes. Brush a large bowl with olive oil. Mix the flour, sugar, and salt. In a food processor or with your hands, add yeast mixture and 3 tablespoons oil and mix until dough forms a sticky ball. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface, adding flour if dough is too sticky. Put dough in oiled bowl, turn dough to coat with oil. Cover bowl and let dough rise in a warm area for about an hour.



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# Trapani, Trading Up

**Freshman basketball sensation Joe Trapani announced his decision not to return to Vermont next year**

By KAT WILLIAMS  
Cynic Correspondent

The UVM freshman stand-out Joe Trapani has decided to leave the UVM men's basketball Program.

Coach Mike Lonergan made the announcement last Friday.

"I was shocked and extremely disappointed to hear this, as were Joe's teammates and our assistant coaches," Lonergan said. "I will help him in any way I can and wish him the best of luck."

"He is a fine young man from a great family and out of respect for his privacy I will have no further comment."

Trapani, who came to UVM from Madison, Conn., was a very important part of the men's basketball team.

He was second on the team in scoring, average 11.4 ppg, third in rebounding and was 40 percent from behind the arc.

He appeared in 26 games, including 16 starts.

Before a foot injury that caused him to miss seven games, the freshman led the team in scoring (15.4 ppg).

Trapani was named to the America East All-Rookie Team as well as receiving America East Rookie of the Week four times during the season.

Reasons for Trapani's transfer are not being released. Along with ex-teammates Robbie Sisca and Jason Greene, Trapani is the third player to transfer this season.

Josh Duell and Ryan Schneider transferred in Lonergan's first year at UVM, bringing the total to five players that have transferred in the past three years.

"I want it to be known that my decision was based purely on personal reasons and has nothing to do with anything basketball related," Trapani said.

"I am going to miss all my teammates as well as the entire coaching staff, I loved them like I do my own family and wish them the best of luck."



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Freshman Joe Trapani (12) dribbles around an opponent in one of this season's contests. Before his injury, Trapani led the team in scoring and he will become the fifth player to transfer from Vermont in the past three years.

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## Good Week / Bad Week

**National sports in a nutshell**  
A column by *The Cynic Sports Staff*

**Good Week for King Felix**  
By JOSH APPELBAUM

Less than 24 hours after being embarrassed 14-3 in the Fenway Park season opener, the Seattle Mariners bounced back with a 3-0 victory over the Red Sox thanks to the right arm of flamethrowing starter Felix Hernandez.

Spoiling the home debut of Sox sensation Daisuke Matsuzaka, the 21-year-old phenom threw a complete game, one hit shutout.

Upstaging the highly publicized and historic matchup between Japanese living legends Dice-K and Ichiro Suzuki, Hernandez took a no-hitter into the eighth while striking out six.

Improving to 2-0 on the young season, King Felix has yet to allow a single run in 17 innings thus far.

**Bad Week for Pacman**  
By NICK DECARO

Pacman Jones was suspended for the entire 2007 season without pay by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Goodell set down the suspension and showed he was serious about tightening the player conduct policy.

This is active proof that Goodell is trying to reshape the image of the NFL by implementing a crackdown on player behavior issues.

Pacman saw his \$1,292,500 salary gobbled up by more than 10 off-field incidents.

Jones won't be on the field this season and according to his suspension, and future run-ins with the law and it could be game over for Pacman.

**Good Week for the Heat**  
By KAT WILLIAMS

Dwayne Wade stepped on to the court last Sunday for the first time since he dislocated his shoulder in late February.

Even though the Heat lost to Charlotte 111-103 in OT, Wade played 27 minutes of great basketball.

With a protective sleeve on his left shoulder, he scored 12 points and had eight assists for Miami.

Before his injury-causing collision with Houston's Shane Battier, Wade averaged 28.8 ppg, but has dropped to 28.1 ppg since his absence.

Still, he is one of only five NBA players who currently average over 27 ppg.

The franchise is hoping for Flash to make a steady incline in playing endurance and give the Heat a chance in the playoffs.

**Bad Week for Julio**  
By CORY WILLIAMS

After being traded to the Marlins, Jorge Julio found himself entrenched in the role of a closer.

However, Julio has been entirely ineffective, blowing two saves and giving up six runs in 3.2 innings.

With an ERA of 14.73, Julio might find himself worrying about his career unless he rights the ship quickly.

**Good Week for A-Rod**

Alex Rodriguez has been re-born in 2007, starting of the season by hitting .355 with six home runs, 16 RBIs, and 10 runs to lead the Yankees in all four categories.

Even the most ferocious New York fans have found little to complain about, other than the 4-4 record the Yankees have thus far.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

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left in the fourth period by Kenny Minor of the Crusaders, bringing the final score to 5-4.

Sophomore Luke LaBranche took all the face offs for the Catamounts, winning eight out of 13.

LaBranche also picked up an assist, the first point of his two-year career, on Cunningham's goal.

Zwirko leads the Catamounts in points scored, with 15 goals and seven assists on the year.

The Catamounts played again on Saturday, this time against Albany, the #2 team in the nation.

Despite a good effort, Vermont fell short, losing 14-7.

UVM (3-9, 0-3 America East) started out strong, jumping out to a 3-1 lead in the second quarter, but was eventually worn down by the

undefeated Great Danes (11-0, 4-0 America East).

Senior Pete Hein and junior Trevor Wagar paced the Catamounts with two goals apiece.

Freshman Ryan Gillette, Young, and Kornuth also scored for Vermont.

Juniors Andrew Pierson and Kornuth recorded assists in the contest as well.

At the half, the score was 3-3, but Albany broke through for nine goals in the third quarter to seal the victory.

Swarts tied a career-high with 20 saves, but Albany overwhelmed the Catamount defense with 55 shots.

Men's lacrosse plays at home for the last time on April 28, taking the field against Hartford at 11 a.m. in an America East Conference game.



(Josh Typrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Luke LaBranche runs to setup a goal. LaBranche added a team-high six ground balls in the game.

**Committed to the Facts:** In the March 27 issue of *The Vermont Cynic*, Roger Riniker is the photographer who took the shot of Celia Johnson of the UVM Snowboard Team.

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## THIS WEEK AT UVM (4.16-4.23)

Tuesday (4.17)

Baseball @ Dartmouth (3p.m.)

Wednesday (4.18)

Track and Field @ Holy Cross Multis

Women's Lacrosse vs. Boston U. (4p.m.)

Thursday (4.19)

Track and Field @ Holy Cross Multis

Friday (4.20)

Baseball vs. Hartford (3p.m.)

Saturday (4.21)

Track and Field @ Dartmouth Invitational (11a.m.)

Baseball vs. Hartford (2) (12p.m.)

Softball vs. Maine (2) (12p.m.)

Women's Lacrosse vs. UMBC (2p.m.)

Men's Lacrosse @ UMBC (1p.m.)

Sunday (4.22)

Softball vs. Maine (12p.m.)

Baseball vs. Hartford (1p.m.)

## LAST WEEK (4.10-4.16)

Softball

9-22 (2-9 A-East)

vs. Albany (2) (4.11)

UVM

Loss

000-001-0 - 1

Albany

101-001-0 - 3

UVM

000-010 - 1

Albany

301-212 - 9

@ UMBC (4.13)

UVM

Loss

000-000-0 - 0

UMBC

030-120-X - 6

@ UMBC (2) (4.14)

UVM

Loss

000-000-0 - 0

UMBC

014-013 - 9

UVM

000-000-0 - 0

UMBC

000-000-1 - 1

Men's Lacrosse

3-9 (0-3 A-East)

vs. Holy Cross (4.10)

UVM

Loss

2-2-0-0 - 4

Holy Cross

1-0-3-1 - 5

@ Albany (4.14)

UVM

Loss

2-1-3-1 - 7

Albany

1-2-9-2 - 14

Women's Lacrosse

4-10 (1-2 A-East)

@ Binghamton (4.11)

UVM

Win

8-10 - 18

Binghamton

4-7 - 11

@ Albany (4.14)

UVM

Loss

4-5 - 9

Albany

7-4 - 11

Baseball

10-16-0 (1-2 A-East)

vs. Siena (2) (4.10)

UVM

Split

202-000-0 - 4

Siena

011-120-0 - 5

UVM

230-000-4 - 9

Siena

140-030-0 - 8

@ Binghamton (4.13)

UVM

Loss

000-000-000 - 0

Binghamton

003-001-00X - 4

@ Binghamton (2) (4.14)

UVM

Split

201-110-1 - 6

Binghamton

000-030-1 - 4

UVM

000-100-0 - 1

Binghamton

100-000-1 - 2

CONFERENCE  
STANDINGS

## A-East Men's Lacrosse

1. Albany	11-0 (4-0)
2. UMBC	7-4 (2-1)
3. Binghamton	3-7 (2-1)
4. Stony Brook	6-3 (1-2)
5. Hartford	2-10 (1-3)
6. Vermont	3-9 (0-3)

## A-East Women's Lacrosse

1. Stony Brook	10-2 (3-1)
2. Boston U.	7-5 (3-1)
3. New Hampshire	6-6 (3-1)
4. Albany	6-7 (2-2)
5. UMBC	6-8 (2-2)
6. Vermont	4-10 (1-2)
7. Binghamton	1-10 (0-5)

## A-East Baseball

1. Binghamton	9-8-0 (3-0-0)
2. Stony Brook	11-12-0 (3-0-0)
3. Hartford	6-16-0 (3-0-0)
4. Maine	9-19-0 (4-4-0)
5. Vermont	10-16-0 (1-2-0)
6. Albany	13-16-0 (0-4-0)
7. UMBC	8-21-0 (0-8-0)

## A-East Softball

1. UMBC	24-8-0 (9-2-0)
2. Boston U.	24-9-0 (8-2-0)
3. Stony Brook	19-11-0 (7-3-0)
4. Hartford	15-16-0 (6-4-0)
5. Albany	20-11-0 (5-5-0)
6. Maine	18-22-0 (3-7-0)
7. Vermont	9-22-0 (2-9-0)
8. Binghamton	4-21-0 (1-9-0)

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LooperAustin Danforth  
Editor-in-ChiefDon Is Done, but  
the Issue Persists

For better or for worse, the issue of race is back in the headlines.

If you don't know by now, well, then: after making horribly insensitive, sexist, racist remarks last week while commenting on the NCAA women's basketball championship between Tennessee and Rutgers, Don Imus effectively ended his career at the top of the talk radio stratosphere.

Again, I'm sorry if you're already aware and sick of it, Imus referred to the Rutgers women as "nappy-headed hos."

As if he didn't realize that he had just obliterated the boundary of social acceptability, he went on to liken the same group of women to the roster of the Toronto Raptors.

Finally, the chorus of disapproval ended with Imus losing his job.

I'll admit, I was late getting into the story. At first, I merely read that Imus had, in referring to the Rutgers team, made some obtuse and insensitive comments.

After reading up on the story — albeit two days late — and not coming across Imus's exact words, I proceeded to video clips on the Internet.

What he said left me stunned and ashamed — stunned, because of how crude and offhand the remarks were, and ashamed because they were voiced by a member of the media.

I'm sure opinions like the one Imus shared during his fateful show are voiced all over the country — that, in and of itself, is sad and needs to be fixed.

Unfortunately I can't say enough in my 500-word column to do this issue any justice.

But to say something like that as a nationally syndicated, influential broadcaster (and I'm not singling out broadcasters, this goes for any and all members of the media) is simply deplorable.

Don Imus has (well, had) too much clout to even *think* things similar to what he said.

There is a level of professional responsibility that comes with the millions of dollars he has made and millions of listeners he has broadcasted for.

This professionalism is shared by every journalist and broadcaster, but sharpened the higher one rises.

On the other side of the coin, the women of the Rutgers team have displayed incredible class throughout the entire ordeal.

Their conduct should not be forgotten and should not go unsung.

If more people took to the high road as they did, it is easy to say our society would be in a much better place.

It is a sad realization that bigotry can permeate the most visible — or audible in this case — levels of public forum.

I may still be just a member of the minutiae as far as the media community is concerned, but initiating and carrying out the changes necessary to eliminate these types of comments from our society can only start from the ground up.

Hopefully we can all realize that it actually does start with us.

## Baseball Earns Split with Siena

The Cats trade one-point wins with the Saints in Tuesday's doubleheader

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

Vermont capped a four-run rally to lift Vermont to a 9-8 win over Siena, splitting the day's games.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, juniors Kyle Massie and Jeff Heppner, scored game-winning singles.

Siena won the first game 5-4.

In the opening game Vermont was able to jump out to an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

Siena answered back with two runs in the second and third innings to tie the game.

In the home half of the third, a lead-off triple by junior Kyle Henry got the Catamounts rolling.

Henry was driven in by a Massie single giving Vermont the lead once again.

Massie was plated on a single by freshman Bryce Shattie.

The lead would not last, as Siena was able to grab a run in the fourth inning and two more in the fifth to provide the final margin of 5-4.

Three errors in the first game cost Vermont the lead in the fifth inning.

Siena's Andy Wells shut the door on the Cats, pitching two scoreless innings to preserve the one-run advantage.

Vermont was held to just five hits in the first game.

"It was frustrating because we weren't hitting the ball, and when we did it went right at them," head coach Bill Currier commented on his team's offensive struggles.

In the nightcap, a slew of runs poured in from both sides as both teams scored five runs in the first two innings.

Both starters were able to settle down until the fifth inning when Siena was able to get two off starter sophomore Keith Rakus and then another



Senior starter Brandon Miles (21) shows off his skill as he pitches in Tuesday's matchup against Siena. The Catamounts recorded a 9-8 win after a four run final inning.

off junior Eric Thompson.

Vermont entered the home half of the seventh trailing 8-5.

Siena reliever Craig Marcellus walked three straight Vermont batters; seniors Will Huntington, Bryan Rembisz and Jim Chapman, to load the bases.

Huntington scored on a wild pitch, and then after Henry was retired on a pop up, freshman Ethan Paquette drove in a run on a sacrifice fly to center, with Chapman advancing to third.

Massie then delivered his

second hit of the game and drove home Chapman to tie the game at eight.

The crucial play came on an attempted pickoff when Massie was able to steal second.

A throwing error by Siena first baseman Rick Seltzer, allowed Massie to advance to third, putting the winning run 90 feet away.

Jeff Heppner then singled to right to end the game giving the Catamounts a 9-8 win, with a four run final inning.

"I'm proud of them for hanging in there, three runs

down is not an easy deficit to overcome," Currier said of his team's comeback, "It gives us some momentum that we needed and gives us that confidence at the plate and the mound that we can do it."

Vermont moves to 9-14 on the season and opens up defense of their 2006 America East regular season championship at Binghamton in a four-game series.

The Cats return home Friday, April 20 to host conference foe Hartford in a four game set.

(Josh Tyrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)





# Softball Drops Twin Bill

The Catamounts fall twice to the University of Albany Great Danes in a midweek America East matchup

By JOSH APPELBAUM

Senior Staff Writer

On Wednesday afternoon at Archie Post Field, the University of Vermont softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader to the University of Albany.

Great Dane starters Leah McIntosh and reigning America East Pitcher of the Year Casey Halloran both went the distance in silencing UVM 3-1 in the opener and 9-1 in six innings in the rematch.

Sarah Toczylowski, recently named Athlete of the Week, led the Cats' offensive attack, going a combined 3-5 with a home run on the day.

With the two losses Vermont falls to 9-19 (2-6 America East) on the season.

In the opener, Albany quickly jumped out to a 1-0 advantage against the Cats' Aimee Kern.

After singling to left and stealing second, Great Dane Amber Maisonet scored on a double to left over the head of Toczylowski by Kelly Ogden.

In the third and sixth, the Great Danes tacked on two unearned runs to make it 3-0.

The Cats' defensive highlight came from third baseman Kate DeForge in the top of the fourth.

After nabbing a laser off the bat of Albany catcher Kat Smith, DeForge unleashed a rocket across the diamond getting the double play to Meagan Butsch at first.

In the bottom of the sixth, UVM cut the deficit to 3-1 thanks to Toczylowski.

The left-fielder crushed her fourth homer of the season and third in the last four games.

McIntosh picked up a complete game victory, allowing only three hits while striking out eight.

Kern scattered seven hits and took the hard luck loss, surrendering a single earned run for the Cats.

In the rematch, Albany roughed up UVM starter Alison Daget to the tune of eight earned runs.

The Danes' balanced offensive attack forced the umpires to call the



Junior Aimee Kern (12) winds up for a pitch in Wednesday's doubleheader against Albany. Kern allowed one earned run and struck out six in the contest.

contest after six innings due to the eight run mercy rule.

Halloran earned a complete game win, allowing zero earned runs while scattering three hits and registering six strikeouts.

"We dug ourselves a hole with a slow start again today and couldn't

make the necessary adjustments," Cats' head coach Marcie Hickey said. "Albany made adjustments at the plate at the second game and really hit the ball."

The Cats hit the road this weekend to begin a three game series against America East adversary UMBC.

# Lonergan Agrees to Extension

Men's basketball head coach Mike Lonergan signed a contract extension through 2012

By KAT WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

The University of Vermont's men's basketball program will see Mike Lonergan coach his way through the 2011-2012 season.

Lonergan agreed to a new contract that will take effect July 1 with a base salary of \$150,000 for the 2007-2008 season.

Lonergan, a 1988 graduate of Catholic University, has been coaching basketball for the past 14 years.

He led the Cats to a 38-25 record over the past two years as head coach of UVM and is 289-115 overall in his coaching career.

He also guided this past season's team to the America East Regular Season Championship with a league record of 15-1.

The team tied the school record for most wins in a season as well as receiving their first invite to play in the postseason National Invitational Tournament.

"I didn't expect to do as well as we did although I knew we would be much improved from last season," Lonergan said. "We had the youngest team in the country last season and this year we had experience."

"That means so much in college basketball. Chris Holm had a great senior year and he was a big part of our success."

Not only did Coach Lonergan lead the Cats to their first regular season victory over a ranked opponent last November (#14, Boston College) but he was given an array of awards.

These honors include America East Coach of the Year, CollegeInsider.com America East Coach of the Year, NABC District 1 Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Hugh Durham Mid-Major Coach of the Year.

"I don't care too much about awards but it is nice to be recognized by your peers," Lonergan said. "They are a direct result of the hard work that our players, my assistant coaches and our support staff put in to help us win 25 games."

"I learned from my mentors that you need to surround yourself with great people to be successful and I have been blessed to have great players and a great staff."

Lonergan led both this and last season's teams to the America East Championship game, making him the first coach to do this in his first two years with a school since 1987.

With the offseason already underway, the Cat's are going to have to find a way to make up for the loss of seniors Chris Holm and Martin Kilmes, as well as outgoing transfers Joe Trapani, Robbie Sisca and Jason Greene.

"I think it will be extremely difficult to go 15-1 and win 25 games again," Lonergan said. "We will definitely miss our two seniors, Chris and Martin. They had tremendous senior years for us."

"But with that being said I am very excited about next season. We are unproven inside but should be strong at the guard and forward position."

"Hopefully our incoming freshmen can have an immediate impact on our program as well."

# Men's Lacrosse Falls to Holy Cross

The Cats' strong first half was not enough as UVM was topped 5-4 by the Holy Cross Crusaders

By CORY WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

In a tale of two halves, the University of Vermont men's lacrosse team was unable to hold a 4-1 halftime lead and fell 5-4 to Holy Cross on Tuesday afternoon.

The Catamounts fell to 3-8 (0-2 America East) on the season, bringing their current losing streak to six games.

Holy Cross improved their record to 4-6 with the victory, and goaltender Jimmy Harrison made 16 saves to hold off an intrepid Catamount attack.

Holy Cross outshot Vermont 34-27.

The Crusaders started the scoring with 10:10 left in the first period, with a goal by Mike Moriarty.

Holy Cross continued to put pressure on the UVM goal, but was unable to get one past senior Daryl Swarts for

the rest of the opening stanza.

With 24 seconds left in the first half, the Cats were finally able to break through with a goal by senior Adam Kornuth, followed by another goal nine seconds later by junior Shay Cunningham.

The Catamounts had all the momentum going into the second period, swarming the Crusader net for the first five minutes, finally breaking through with a tally by sophomore Alex Young to give UVM a 3-1 lead.

Senior captain Dan Zwirko added another goal with 4:52 left in the half to give Vermont a 4-1 lead, a score that wouldn't change for the rest of the half.

After Luke Marchand scored for Holy Cross, Tanner Fogarty cut the lead in half with 11:14 left in the third period.

Chris Smirti then tied the game at 4-4 with less than two minutes left in the third.

The final and game winning goal of the game was scored with 10:05



(Josh Tyrowicz-Cohen/Vermont Cynic)

Players on the UVM men's lacrosse team fail to come back over Holy Cross

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## EARTHFEST: Benefit festival for the Michelle's Earth Foundation



Local musicians Avi and Celia performing at EarthFest on April 21. The duo played as part of a benefit for Michelle Gardner-Quinn; The Jazz Mandolin also played the event. Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and FeelGood provided food for the benefit.

(Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

### Friends plan event for Michelle Gardner-Quinn, throw Earthfest in her honor

By KENSINGTON R. MOORE  
News Editor Emeritus

Michelle Gardner-Quinn may be gone, but her friends are making sure that her work in environmental stewardship and community service continues in her name.

Many of Gardner-Quinn's friends have gotten together to make sure her memory and work lives on by starting an organization called Michelle's Earth Foundation based in Arlington, Virginia.

"A core group of her friends and her sister started it" said Gardner-Quinn's longtime friend and director of special events for the foundation Tommy Lang.

"We promote environmentally conscious groups, mainly we are geared toward youth and getting them involved" Alison Bell, a friend of Gardner-Quinn's from Arlington said.

Michelle's Earth Foundation gained non-profit status in January and has since held numerous events and contests to raise money and awareness according to the organizations members.

Currently, an essay contest is being held for Arlington high school students. They must answer the question; "What can individuals, corporations and governments do to prevent, curb or reverse our human contribution to global warming?" Prizes include a \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second place prize and \$250 third place prize.

The Foundation's latest work includes UVM Earthfest; a Tribute to Michelle Gardner-Quinn where all donations and food profit goes directly to the Michelle Gardner-Quinn fund according to organizers of the event.

The event, which was originally scheduled to be located on the Redstone Campus Green, was held in the Aiken lot due to administrations worries concerning the state

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## S.L.A.P. Embarks on Hunger Strike

By VERA SIMON-NOBES  
Staff Writer

The Student Action Labor Project, (S.L.A.P.) is about to find out if persistence pays off.

During a meeting with President Fogel and Vice President for Campus & Student Life, Thomas Gustafson, the group announced that 12 students will begin a hunger strike on Monday, April 23.

Strikers are in protest of the administration's refusal to implement S.L.A.P.'s policy proposal for livable wages. Junior Ryan Winnick said the strike will continue until the Administration meets their demands.

S.L.A.P. has been fighting for a livable wage for all UVM employees since 2005, sophomore Kat Nopper said. Since April 12, the group has met for breakfast in the Presidential Wing of the Waterman building. They have

petitioned and tabled since the beginning of April.

Most notably, S.L.A.P. set up Tent City in front of Royall Tyler Theater from April 9-14. Last year's Tent City pressured President Fogel to create the Basic Needs and Equitable Compensation Task Force.

The task force compiled a document of recommendations, which included that all UVM employees and contracted employees should be paid a minimum of \$13.62, the livable wage for a single person as calculated by the Joint Fiscal Office.

According to S.L.A.P., the administration has disregarded the conclusions of the Task Force.

"What were you planning to do with the findings?" Nopper asked President Fogel. "If you were going to use them...to start making recommendations for changes on our campus, then I don't think we would be at this table right now."

President Fogel said that he understood the group's dissatisfaction and spoke of the challenge of juggling the needs of students, faculty, staff, and programs.

"I can't weave dollars out of straw," Fogel said. He also said that

**"I can't weave dollars out of straw."**

**-President Fogel, responding to demands made by S.L.A.P.**

UVM is paying workers much more than most universities.

"The highest wage that we could find at a public university was \$10 per hour, some of them in much higher cost areas than ours. We're paying a good

deal more than that with much better benefits."

UVM also receives some of the lowest state appropriations in the country and offers a great deal of financial aid, Fogel said.

As tensions rose, Nopper said that S.L.A.P. was holding the meeting to discuss UVM, not other schools.

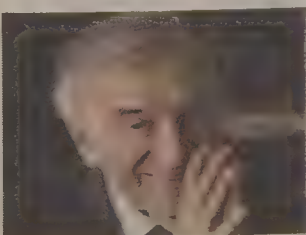
"I don't give a crap about other universities in this country. I give a crap about creating our university and making sure we uphold the values we say we will uphold," Nopper said.

They first introduced their Livable Wage Policy in April of 2006, and according to Sam Maron, co-president of Students for Peace and Global Justice. The group submitted the document again on Friday.

"These are the same demands that we have had since at least last year, and

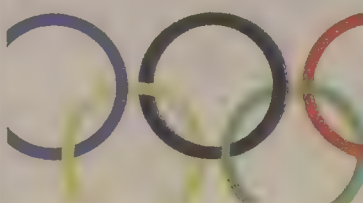
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# Holocaust Survivor Wiesel to Return to UVM

**Nobel Prize winner Wiesel back for first time since 1992, prepares to accept honorary degree**

By ALISON STOUT  
Staff Writer

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Peace Prize winner, Holocaust survivor and author of over 40 books, will speak at UVM on April 25th.

Wiesel and his wife, Marion, founded The Elie Wiesel Foundation to "fight indifference, intolerance and injustice," according to the foundation's Web site.

Wiesel was born in Sighet, Transylvania, now a part of Romania—in 1928, according to the Nobel Prize Web site.

During World War II, when he was 15 years old, Wiesel and his family were deported to Auschwitz, where his mother and younger sister died, according to the foundation's Web site. Wiesel and his father were then brought to another camp, Buchenwald, where his father was also killed.

Buchenwald was liberated in 1945, and Wiesel moved to Paris, where he became a journalist and was encouraged by a friend to write about his experiences. In 1958 Wiesel wrote "Night," his "internationally acclaimed memoir ... which has since been translated into more than 30 languages," according to the foundation's website.

In 1978, Wiesel was appointed chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, and in 1980 he became the founding chairman of the

United States Holocaust Memorial Council, according to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum website.

"Teaching has always been central to...Wiesel's work," according to the foundation's Web site.

Wiesel has been the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University since 1976.

In 1986 Wiesel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Elie Wiesel has emerged as one of the most important spiritual leaders and guides in an age when violence, repression and racism continue to characterize the world," according to the Nobel Prize website.

"The idea of having professor Wiesel come to UVM came from [senior] Meredith Burak who was president of STAND (Students Taking Ac-

tion Now: Darfur)," said Susan Leff, executive director of UVM Hillel.

"[She] was interested in having professor Wiesel come to UVM because he is so eloquent in speaking about the Holocaust and because he believes that we should all be vigilant against genocide whenever and wherever it pops up," Leff said.

"We've been working on this program for nearly a year and a half ... We made contact with [Wiesel] last May and negotiated a contract for him to come to UVM for Holocaust Remembrance Week this spring. He gives his speaker's fee to charity, but it is nonetheless a large amount of money," Leff said.

"We began our fundraising by having Hillel, S.T.A.N.D. and Students for Peace and Global Justice ask for money

in their respective budgets a year ago last January, but we still had to raise a tremendous amount of money," Leff said.

"Co-sponsors include the Office of the President, Student Life, Holocaust Studies, IRA and Program Board, along with a number of Burlington community members and all of the synagogues. We really couldn't have done [it] without the support of...the entire UVM community," Leff said.

Leff said that Wiesel last spoke at UVM in 1992.

Wiesel will speak in the Patrick Gymnasium at 4 p.m. Although the free tickets are sold out, overflow seating will be available in the gym's multi-purpose room.

Overflow seating tickets can be picked up at the Patrick Gym ticket office.

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Virginia Tech University Mourning After a Gunman Kills 32

Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. was struck by a tragedy when a Senior, Cho Seung-Hui killed 32 people at the Southwestern Virginia school.

Seung-Hui started shooting at the West Ambler Johnson hall where he killed two students.

Seung-Hui left the dorm and went back to his room where he filmed his personal "manifesto" and took pictures of himself

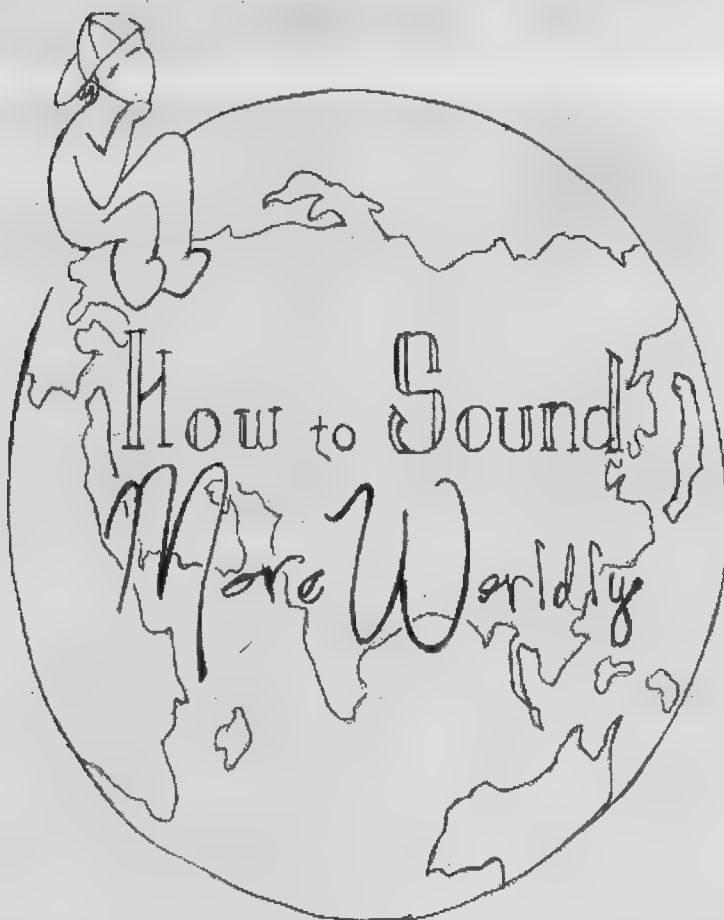
armed. Seung-Hui mailed his "manifesto" to NBC at 9:01 a.m.

Seung-Hui proceeded to Norris Hall where he chained the doors shut and killed 30 people, including three professors.

Seung-Hui then committed suicide.

Around 30 students were injured in the rampage, most are in stable condition now.

Virginia Tech will re-open for classes this week.



#### • Infant death rate increases in the South

Infant Death rates have increased throughout the south. In Mississippi the death rates have risen to 11.4 percent. The national average is 6.4 percent. Questions are being raised about access to healthcare in the South.

#### • Taliban sets terms for the release of five prisoners

The Taliban stated that the terms for the release of five French and Afghan aid workers was the withdrawal of French forces from Afghanistan. President Hamid Karzai is looking into the matter.

#### • 5 babies die in fire at Bosnian orphanage

In Sarajevo, five babies died after a fire engulfed the orphanage they were residing in. Three boys and two girls were killed. 17 babies were injured in the blaze. Firefighters were able to rescue 23 babies unharmed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

#### • Blue Angel, aviation elite, crashes plane. Pilot dies

A pilot with the Blue Angels—a show group associated with the United States Navy—died when his plane crashed in a residential neighborhood in Beauford, S.C. Experts speculate the cause may have been a bird.

#### • Giuliani switches message on immigration

Rudy Giuliani, a Republican front-runner for president, has declared a "tough" stance on immigration. Giuliani has said in the past that attacks on immigrants are a blow to the heart and soul of America.

#### • Supreme Court upholds abortion ban

The United States Supreme Court upheld the congressional ban on partial birth abortions. Pundits on both sides of the aisle see this as the first time the Roberts' Court has shown their conservative side on the abortion issue.

#### • Nigerian elections marred by fraud and violence

Reports are coming out of Nigeria of entire towns being unable to vote, and being marked as voting. The election put the incumbent government in power for another term. Reports of violence and voter intimidation have been heard throughout the country.

#### • 23 shot in Iraq, pulled from bus

Twenty-three members of the Yazidis sect were pulled out of a bus in Baghdad and shot. The Yazidis are a Kurdish sect that worship an angel that many equate to the Devil that appears in Muslim and Christian religious dogma.

#### • Mogadishu engulfed in violence

Residents of Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, are fleeing the city as fighting continues there. One hundred and thirty-one people were killed in Mogadishu from Wednesday to Friday. The violence is stemming from sectional differences in the region.

#### • France prepares for Elections, chooses two candidates for run-off

French citizens have chosen two candidates out of a much larger pool to run against each other in a closely watched race. Nicolas Sarkozy and Ségolène Royal were chosen as the candidates for the election to held two weeks from now. Royal is a socialist and Sarkozy a conservative.

#### • Russian government increased their control over media

The Russian government has dictated that 50 percent of the news must be "positive" news. According to the parameters of this new standards, weather could be considered positive news and the stock market going up is considered positive news. War is not positive news.

# UVM Pays Respect to Holocaust Victims

By VERA SIMON-NOBES

Staff Writer

A flag installation on the central campus green brightened campus last week, while reminding passers-by of one of the darkest events in history.

"There are 2400 flags on the green," Susan Leff, director of Hillel explained. "The triangle shape in which they are placed on the green is a symbol of Auschwitz."

Each flag represents 5,000 people who perished in the Holocaust. The most abundant flags represent the six million Jews who died. Different colored flags also represent the Soviets, Poles, gypsies, disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses, and gays and lesbians who were killed in the Holocaust.

Leff said that three flags are equivalent to the UVM community, and 120 flags represent the population of Vermont.

"I can see the field of flags from my office window and I like to see all the people who walk up and down the rows of flags. It looks like they are walking a contemplative maze," Leff said.

In addition to the field of flags, the Week of Remembrance was kicked off with a Yom HaShoa Remembrance, led by Holocaust survivor, Michael Bukanc.

A Litany of Martyrs, in which students read the names of those who died in the Holocaust



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Holocaust remembrance flags dot the green outside Waterman.

caust was cancelled due to the weather, though Adam Fox, President of Hillel said that they had ample volunteers ready to read the names.

On April 18, Channel 3 anchorwoman, Jessica Abo brought showed her film, "Passing the Torch". Accord-

ing to Leff, the documentary about the concentration camps drew people from the UVM community as well as 50 students from South Burlington.

Holocaust Remembrance Week culminates with an address from Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner,

Elie Wiesel on April 25.

Leff said that 2007 marks the third year that UVM has celebrated the Days of Remembrance. Nationally, the Remembrance Week dates back to the formation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in 1979.

According to President Carter's Executive Order, the Council would consist of between 25 and 45 members, which are appointed by the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum website, President Carter made the Council responsible for recommending ways to commemorate the Holocaust. These included creating the museum and the establishment of a National Day of Remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust.

The United States' Day of Remembrance coincides with the day on which Israel commemorates the victims of the Holocaust. Though the actual Day of Remembrance falls on a single date, often events continue through the week, creating a Week of Remembrance.

The official day of remembrance is the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. The dates fluctuate because the calendar is based on the lunar year.

Holocaust Remembrance Week at UVM will stand out this year because of key-note speaker Elie Wiesel. However, the traditional vigils must not be overlooked.

"Both the field [of flags] and Litany of Names are longstanding traditions, and have been done on campuses and community centers around the country and world," Fox said.

## Asian-Americans Respond to Va. Tech Shooting

By ASHLEY M. FOWLER

Staff Writer

There are high emotions in the Asian community at the University of Vermont in light of the tragic Virginia Tech shootings.

The killer, Seung-Hui Cho, has received much attention around his Korean identity. As a result, media portrayal of Asians has left many Asian-identified students feeling targeted and marginalized.

On Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 6:30 pm, about a dozen Asians and allies gathered to sort through their reactions, Daniel Lim said.

Lim, president of the Asian American Student Union, organized the forum to provide people with a safe space to react to the event and the race issues that surround it.

The group, composed of staff and graduate students,

**In the wake of shooting at Virginia Tech, Asian-American students at the UVM gather to discuss stereotypes and the administration warns against discrimination in the aftermath of the tragedy.**

with Lim being the only undergraduate in attendance, met in the U-Heights North Multipurpose Room.

"We basically told stories about how we felt," Lim said.

Lim acknowledges that the absence of other undergraduates leaves some questions as to why. He said that he believes some Asians are trying to process being linked to the tragic event.

"Some people are asking 'Am I partially responsible for this event because I'm Asian and the gunman was Asian?'" Lim said.

SGA President Elect Kesha Ram said that she believes that when someone is implicated in a crime it is more of an issue if it's not a white man.

In her first meeting as SGA

President, Ram took time to acknowledge the killings and excuse senators who were affected by them. Also, she said that many Asian students at Vermont were concerned about being called "killers."

This incident, Ram said, will result in the Asian and Asian-American student body on-campus being profiled. For international students, this will add to the already difficult transition to a new country and foreign school.

"It's hard enough to be here and be socially isolated," Ram said.

Lim said he believes that the "model minority" stereotype of Asians has been broken by the Virginia Tech tragedy. The stereotype includes the beliefs that Asians are obedient,

nerdy, and passive people, Lim said.

"There are no more expectations [for Asians]," Lim said.

He said that he believes the stereotype marginalizes Asians, but at the same time protected them from the forms of bias faced by other ethnic groups. He and others in the group on Thursday questioned if they were still safe.

On the other hand, Lim said that this will allow Asians to challenge traditional stereotypes.

"We can take this chance to form our own identity of how we [Asians] want to be seen," Lim said.

Looking to the future, Ram said the SGA is striving to provide all of the support and

advocacy they can. Still, she admits that at this point of the year it is hard to know exactly what that looks like.

Ram said her ideal would be to have a sit-down between administrators and students to talk about safety issues and voice concerns.

In the meantime, though, Ram will be meeting with administrators such as Police Chief Gary Margolis to discuss safety in general, and more specifically hate-crimes and issues of bias.

Ram remains open to suggestions from the student body, though. "If students have questions about the SGA response, they can feel free to communicate with me," Ram said.

Regardless of the race issues surrounding it, the devastating nature of the event is felt on-campus.

"Clearly this person was disturbed," Ram said.

## Spring Enters for Students with Sugary Treats

By ASHLEY M. FOWLER

Staff Writer

As UVM celebrated the first signs of spring, a maple tradition helped bring them together.

The Annual Dean Hill Sugar on Snow event took place outside of the University Bookstore on Friday, April 20, 2007 from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Brian Stowe, of the Maple History Committee estimates that between 11 and 13 gallons of maple syrup were boiled and served on top of authentic

snow gathered from Mt. Mansfield in January.

Some came for a serving of the Vermont treat on their way to classes or work, while others stayed around for seconds, while enjoying the sunny day.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members alike partook in the sugar on snow, coffee, and live music.

Senior WRUV DJ Brian Sweeny has come for the last four years.

"The people keep me coming back," Sweeny said. Like many others, Sweeny added some pickles to his sugar on

snow.

The saltiness of the pickles offsets the sweetness of the maple syrup, making for a pleasant taste combination, Stowe said.

CDAE student Christine Brissette agreed. When asked how she was enjoying her treat, Brissette said, "Pretty fantastic...pickles are a good but unusual touch."

According to UVM's Center for Research on Vermont website, the "annual event seeks to highlight the importance of maple and maple research to the economy

of the state and its distinctive way of life."

Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States, according to the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers & Vermont Maple Foundation's website.

The event has a long history dating back to the 1930's.

"The event started in 1935 and continued until the 1950's when it died out. It was picked up again in 1991 and going on ever since," Stowe said.

Stowe has been involved in the Maple History Committee for 17 years. The members

are all over the state, with Stowe being based out of the Underhill Center.

The band, Atlantic Crossing, plucked away at fiddles and banjos for the entirety of the event. The Traditional musicians had many of the attendees swaying to the twangy sounds of their instruments.

For Sweeny, the event upheld its appeal and was a nice way for him to continue what has been a tradition for him throughout his college years.

"I've enjoyed myself gloriously," Sweeny said.



# Administration and SGA Respond to Va. Tech Shooting

By WILLIAM D. SEDLACK  
News Editor

In the wake of the shootings at Virginia Tech University, officials within the University of Vermont have looked at the security here at UVM.

School officials at UVM sent out an e-mail to the student population on April 17th addressing issues of campus safety.

According to the e-mail, "should such a situation unfold here, consistent and timely information would be communicated through multiple venues including eemail, Web, voicemail, media and by UVM

staff."

The e-mail, sent out by Thomas J. Gustafson also updates students to a new text messaging system, which the e-mail states the school hopes will be available by next fall.

According to the e-mail, "We will also be assessing security systems in all campus buildings and improving them as needed."

The Student Government Association also addressed campus security measures and the Virginia Tech shooting in their meeting on April 17.

"Anytime such a tremendous act of violence occurs, especially one that was planned and carried out so methodically, it serves to re-

mind us of our own mortality and the extensive preparation we must engage in to prevent the senseless loss of precious lives," SGA President Keshia Ram said.

The SGA put forth three resolutions dealing with campus safety. "I thought it was going to shape a lot of what we do next year," James Taylor said.

"The Student Government Association of the University of Vermont requests that the University Police, Emergency Services and Residential Life departments participate in further training exercises and simulations...to create a protocol for dealing with a situation similar to that which has oc-

curred at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University," said a resolution put forth by Taylor, who is chair of the Student Action committee.

In January, UVM police services working with the Burlington Police Department and the Vermont SWAT team held a first-person shooter exercise in Waterman in which a shooter took over President Fogel's office.

"They are emergencies and crises because they are outside reality. You're never quite prepared, but I think we are as prepared as we can be. However, you're never quite sure who is going to show up," UVM Police Chief Gary Margolis said in a past interview.

SGA also put forth a resolution that would ask the school to install a central intercom system that could be used in the event of an emergency.

According to the resolution the intent is, "to provide a means of alerting a large part of the University community at once of any threats to the community in the event of an emergency."

UVM has set up services to help those affected by the shooting cope with the incident.

Services are available at the Counseling Center, which can be contacted at 802-656-3340

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of the Redstone Campus Green according to event organizers.

Bands playing at the Earthfest event included The Jazz Mandolin Project and UVM's student band Avi & Celia. Students were also able to buy food from Leonardo's pizza and other local vendors with all proceeds going to the Michelle Gardner-Quinn fund.

Ben and Jerry's and Feel Good also set up booths and donated 25 percent of profits to the fund according to event organizers.

The University of Vermont has also started a scholarship in memory of Gardner-Quinn entitled the Michelle Gardner-Quinn Memorial Fund for Environmental Studies.

Brian Rooney—the man accused of Gardner-Quinn's murder—is currently incarcerated on charges of aggravated murder, and a series of sex charges unrelated to the

murder of Gardner-Quinn, which a judge has set to be tried before the aggravated murder charge.

A gag order was set on the case after *Seven Days* published an article by local law enforcement personnel that Rooney's lawyers attempted to argue would pollute possible jury pools.

Police say that DNA evidence conclusively proves that Rooney is the killer. Rooney could face life in prison if convicted.

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they have been on the table for longer than that," Maron said.

President Fogel said that he appreciated the students' advocacy, as well as the work of the Task Force but that he cannot negotiate with S.L.A.P. on behalf of the workers. Maron said that S.L.A.P.'s demands are in line with the demands of United Electrical, the union responsible for negotiating the labor contract.

President Fogel did assure the group that he is "very much in tune with the values they are expressing," Fogel also said that when the contract is

up in July of 2008, S.L.A.P.'s principles would guide the negotiations.

"I don't think you should kid yourself that the contract is going to be rewritten before that next negotiation," Fogel said.

S.L.A.P. says they have exhausted all other reasonable means of negotiation and communication. As they announced the hunger strike on Friday, they joined hands in a moment of silence. President Fogel read S.L.A.P.'s ultimatum and thanked the group, citing that he respected their advocacy.

"Unfortunately it's come to this," Maron said.

## Speaker Talks Out About AIDS Research

By DANIELLE DIABAKERLY  
Staff Writer

A Doctors Without Borders presentation at CC Theatre on Wednesday invited UVM students to support Senator Leahy's bill to help developing nations to gain access to essential medications.

Vermont is a key state in the battle against prescription patenting because of Senator Leahy's S4040 proposal, called "Public Research in Public Interest", according to Jason Halperin, a first year medical student at UVM. The bill would increase the availability of medication and allow sharing between the universities that develop them.

Doctors Without Borders or Medecins San Frontieres (M.S.F.) supports the bill so that they can provide better medical assistance to their patients.

M.S.F. is an independent humanitarian, medical organization which works in over seventy countries providing medical assistance to millions only on the basis of need, according to Dr. Buddhima Lokuge, US Campaign Manager for Access to Essential Medicine.

The organization will go to countries where conflicts, man-made disasters, infectious disease, and epidemics are plaguing the population and provide the best medical care possible under the circumstances, said Lokuge.

According to Lokuge, the organization struggles to provide the best, most efficient medical care to people suffering from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, as well as many other treatable infections and diseases.

M.S.F. wants all universities who develop drugs to make them available at the lowest possible cost

"Each year, millions of people needlessly suffer from disease in impoverished countries worldwide because they lack access to lifesaving medicines," said Leahy. "And

each year, America's world-renowned research universities develop innovative treatments to combat these diseases. However, under our current system, these treatments do not get to the families in impoverished nations who so desperately need them."

Leahy has not received the amount of support he expected for this bill, but truly stands behind it, according to Halperin. He asks that UVM students contact Leahy to show their support for this lifesaving bill.

"Today, 15 percent of the world's people consume about 91 percent of the world's pharmaceuticals. The high price of lifesaving medicines—medicines we take for granted—puts them far beyond the reach of millions of the most vulnerable populations," Leahy said.

Universities also conduct research and sell that information for patents. This prevents people in developing nations from having lifesaving medication, according to Halperin.

A walkout at Yale after the discovery of Stavudine, a treatment for HIV, caused a 96 percent reduction in the price of the drug according to Halperin.

The developers wanted to patent it, which would cause the drug to cause \$1600 per treatment. The walkout resulted in an interview between the *New York Times* and the Yale professor that discovered the drug said that the drug "should be cheap or free in sub-Saharan Africa". After the interview, the drug became available for \$55 per treatment.

"The 2.1 million AIDS related deaths in sub-Saharan Africa represent 72% of global AIDS deaths," according to UNAIDS.

While the majority of people living with HIV/AIDS live in Africa, nearly all of them cannot afford the high cost of the necessary medication. For a person living with HIV/AIDS, it costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually for drug

treatment, said Dr. Lokuge.

Tuberculosis also infects millions in developing nations. Dr. Lokuge exemplified a woman in Ethiopia whose diagnosis of tuberculosis took over two months. She remained in her community for those two months exposing others to the disease. Over the course of her illness, she visited the M.S.F. center over a thousand times and took 21 pills a day for nearly two years.

Patients suffer from the amount of ineffective pills that they are taking. While tuberculosis kills over two million people annually, only three percent funding for drug research goes to finding a solution to drug resistant tuberculosis, Dr. Lokuge said.

"The tragedy is that the problem is not a result of the lack of funding," Dr. Lokuge said.

Drug companies do not research medications for tuberculosis because there is no market for the medication.

Josh Farley, a fellow at the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, who also attended the presentation, which was sponsored by Students for Peace and Justice, explained that the patent system is extremely inefficient because researchers refuse to share information with each other because if they find a cure they want to reap all the benefits.

A cure was found for African Sleeping Disorder, a disorder that 70 million Africans are exposed to, but DWB (the company that discovered the compound) did not produce more of it because there was no market for it, according to Farley.

Africa, as a market, does not have any spending power. The compound was later discovered to remove unwanted facial hair in women. A market exists for this product, therefore Gillette had it patented.

Farley asks, if we should sell "luxury cosmetics for the rich or lifesaving cures for the poor"?

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## Reaction to Virginia Tech: No More Guns

William D. Sedlack - News Editor

As a student in a time where the media flashes horrible vivid images in front of our eyes on a daily basis, no event truly has created the loss of innocence like the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Despite our country being at war, it seems so distant; we as students have no real connection to the war unless we know someone who is in Iraq or Afghanistan.

The shootings at Virginia Tech struck a deeper chord within America — the freedom to exist safely within the sanctuary that is the halls of higher education.

Many problems will be inevitably brought up, and barely five hours after the shooting had been announced to the world, there were pundits questioning the University's decision-making rational and the gun laws of the state of Virginia.

At the core of Monday's horrific events, however, lies the fact that nobody

is ever safe anymore, not in the culture we live in.

The University of Vermont felt the touch of this reality in the fall with the murder of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

Students at Virginia Tech and throughout the country have had to awaken to a world full of realities that nobody, let alone a group of 18-to-23-year-olds, ever should be exposed to. Now the reality is that safety is an issue wherever you are.

Instead of faulting the decision-making of Virginia Tech President Steger, we as a country and a world need to reinvestigate ourselves.

We need to ask each other why it is acceptable for automatic weapons to be made available. We need to ask each other why we are questioning the laws for handguns, when it isn't clear why any of us really need handguns.

We as a country are to blame for the

Virginia Tech shootings, we have created a country full of monsters, full of hatred, full of racism, full of violence, full of weapons and we have no idea how the hell to get the beast back in its cage.

Our innocence as a culture has been lost for a while.

Some would argue that Vietnam took that from us, but the events at Virginia Tech last Monday was the straw that decimated any façade of innocence; we are no longer able to lie to ourselves that everything is alright.

We need to take away the guns — not the shotguns you and your dad go pheasant hunting — every year with — but the handguns. We need to get rid of the automatics and the semi-automatics. We need to clean the streets up in suburbia and in the cities.

We need to do it now.

## Reaction to Virginia Tech: Forget the Killer

Noah Staum - Features Editor

Think of as many names and faces of the 32 victims from the recent Virginia Tech shootings. Now think of the gunman's name and his face — think of the articles you've seen about his mental condition; the material you've read from his letters sent into NBC and his plays posted online; and the pictures and videos you've seen that were also included in what NBC is calling the "gunman's manifesto."

Cho is the student who killed 32 students at Virginia Tech in what is the bloodiest shooting in American history, and it's understandable that in the event of such a tragedy, we attempt to deal with our grievances by trying to understand why the event happened in the first place. In this case, what drove Seung-Hui to go on a shooting rampage — understanding the psyche of the killer.

Some may argue that by exploring the mind of the gunman, we are able to get a better sense of the tragedy, start developing preventative measures and direct

our grief and anger as blame toward the school administration, gun control laws, police or psychiatric institutes.

Although these are quite normal reactions to a tragedy of this magnitude, we all need to keep in mind one thing: we're giving the killer what he wants.

Cho was clearly striving for recognition and attention when he sent in 23 pages of writing, pictures and video in his "manifesto" and ultimately, when he went through with the deadliest shooting in American history. There is no denying this, and if that's not clear enough from his shooting rampage, it's certainly clear when in his videos he likens himself to Jesus Christ and mentions the Columbine High School attacks of 1999.

In fact, take a look at *The New York Times* web site's complete coverage of the Virginia Tech shooting and you'll find an archive article about the Columbine shooting to the side.

James Brooke reports how gunmen

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 23 people and wounded at least 20. Who were the 23 killed? The article doesn't tell you, and clearly remembering the names of Harris and Klebold has not prevented future attacks.

This is not to say we should not try to prevent such attacks, but there's no benefit in putting Cho in the spotlight — we're giving him the attention he asked for by murdering 32 innocent people.

We're also creating an unnecessary and unfounded anger towards Koreans and other Asian-Americans.

No matter how deep we dig into the psyche of Cho, we can't reverse the terrible tragedy that struck, and we certainly can't create a law designed to put every "loner" in jail.

This begs the question: by giving Seung-Hui attention, are we actually preventing a future tragedy or are we making such acts of violence more appealing to others of the same nature?

JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

## A Great Challenge

The United States of America is truly a great and beautiful nation. It has done many great things, and brought much prosperity and joy to the world throughout its 231-year history, and for much of that we have enjoyed good favor worldwide.



But we are now living in a nation which many revile, which many have come to see as evil.

The next president of the United States is going to inherit a more difficult post than has any in a long time.

She or he must make clear to the world that the new administration will signal a profound shift in foreign policy, and divorce their administration in entirety from that of the previous two terms.

The reasons for this are no mys-

tery. America has been led astray in recent years by misguided men whose best intentions have led us down paths best left untrodden. We have killed and ruined countless lives, and have arrogantly and dismissively angered the entire world community.

For this, we owe the entire world an apology.

I hope that the people and leaders of the many nations will have the good sense to realize that the actions of the current administration were not popular ones in America, or at least would not have been had we not been intentionally misled and confused by our leaders.

For the most part, the people of America are generous, kind, and accepting people. We do not wish to act against the world community, but to act with it.

But we stand now in the midst of

shocking and unsettling global disorder. The eastern and western worlds are finding themselves more and more at odds with one another, disputes are becoming increasingly violent and at times we find ourselves seemingly on the brink of all-out war.

Within the fog of all of this we hold in our hands the shattered nation of Iraq, and it will take more than what America alone can muster to put it back together, and to repair the shambled lives of millions.

I foresee more bad than good coming out of either of the popular and simple solutions: withdrawal, or "staying the course."

It would be wrong for America to continue in Iraq as we are now, and quite simply impossible, but for the time being, doing so would leave the country to disorganized and violent mob rule. It would toll the bell of an-

archy and chaos, and would do little to lessen the suffering — present and future — of Iraq's people.

But at some point, America will leave. What we must seek now is not victory, but help. We must reach out to the hearts and minds of the world, and convince them that it is only with international aide and cooperation that the best actions can be taken for the people of Iraq. We cannot otherwise convince our enemies that our intentions have transformed.

It will take the combined efforts of the world community to ease the transition, so that we may withdraw without further plunging the nation into anarchy and chaos.

Above all else, patience and careful thought must trump haste when making these decisions.

BEN SILVERMAN

## A Libertarian Libertine

I say legalize everything. Legalize every debauched, derelict, depraved, blasphemous, offensive, perverse, improper sin in alphabetical order.



Make the golden rule the only rule and making things illegal be illegal. Legalize all the drugs; Alcohol, cocaine, crack, crystal meth, DMT, ecstasy, hash, heroin, LSD, marijuana, morphine, mushrooms, nicotine, opium, peyote, PCP, speed, THC and valium to name a few.

As John F. Kennedy said in the movie *Bubba Ho-Tep*, "Let's get decadent!"

Borders, barriers, Berlin/Palestinian walls have not, nor ever will, succeed. People are smarter than rules; you build taller walls, they'll build big-

ger trebuchets.

No matter what, as long as there is a buyer there will always be someone willing to sell. Black market trading is the only true capitalism. All that silly little narcs can ever do is help raise the prices so the drug lords at the top gain a higher profit, redistributing the money into hands we might not necessarily want them in, like Tony Montana or that other guy.

The only way to win the war on drugs is to legalize all drugs and thus eliminate the evil cartel's monopoly on the market.

Another issue comes up, so let's now explain the freak-sociological law of the Snafu Principal(s). People do not trust those above them and vice versa. Both for good reasons. The ruled will always subconsciously or otherwise tell the rulers more or less what they

want to here.

This means it's impossible for those of authority to gain a totally accurate idea of the situation below them, maybe semi-accurate, but never total. Those at the top get paranoid, hiring more cops and building more prisons (since it's a police officer's duty to make arrests, one naturally leads to the other).

No human being can possibly keep track of all the laws there are to break, so creating new or more laws can only serve the creation of new or more criminals.

This only creates more paranoia and even worse inter-caste communication.

So more intelligence agents are hired to spy on the citizenry, but since spies are paid to spy on everyone, including the offices of power, they soon compile a file on every representative

from every state from every district, giving them a monopoly on information and blackmail. The now near-schizophrenic state has to hire even secrete police to keep tabs on the more secretive police, leading eventually to a state forever looking over your shoulder, whose society and economy is addicted to neighbor watching neighbor.

It all just turns into a big, complex mess. Trapped by non-objective morality, nutty laws and the prudish P.T.A storm troopers of common decency.

I think the only upside of the 2000 election fiasco is that we didn't get Tipper Gore as a first lady.

To hell with principles, to hell with order, to hell with coercion: Civilization is the greatest enemy of humanity. We're all better off free.

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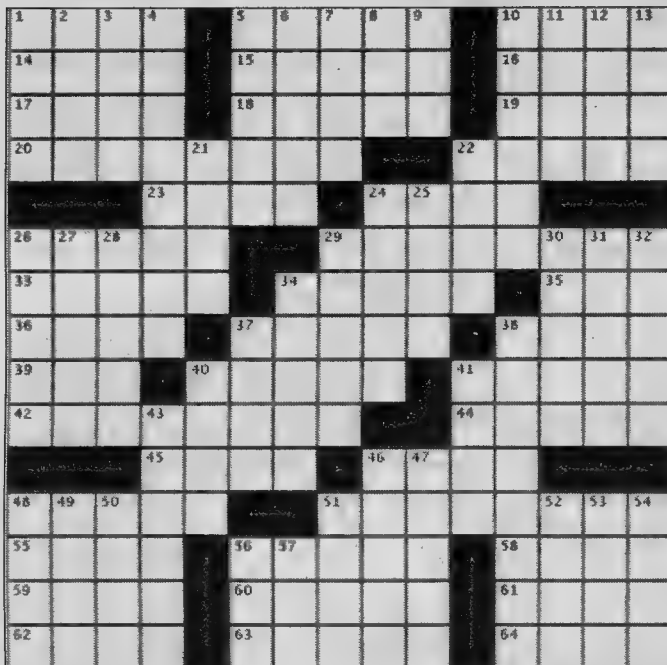
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 14- Not fer  
 15- Elude  
 16- 6th month of the Jewish religious calendar  
 17- Corrosion  
 18- Muddled  
 19- Bring on board  
 20- Depopulate  
 22- Locations  
 23- Appraise, charge per unit  
 24- Earth's satellite  
 26- Meager  
 29- Temperance  
 33- Stories  
 34- Meat option  
 35- Pass away, perish  
 36- Toward the mouth  
 37- Dizzy  
 38- Middle Eastern bread  
 39- Touch lightly  
 40- Absurdity  
 41- Course with pluses and minuses  
 42- Star-shaped  
 44- Beginning  
 45- 8th letter of the Hebrew alphabet  
 46- It's blown among the reeds  
 48- Paroxysm  
 51- Load to excess  
 55- Shout in derision  
 56- Water-repellent cloth  
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 64- Woody plant

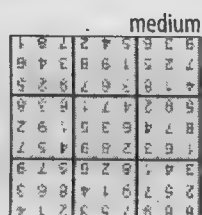
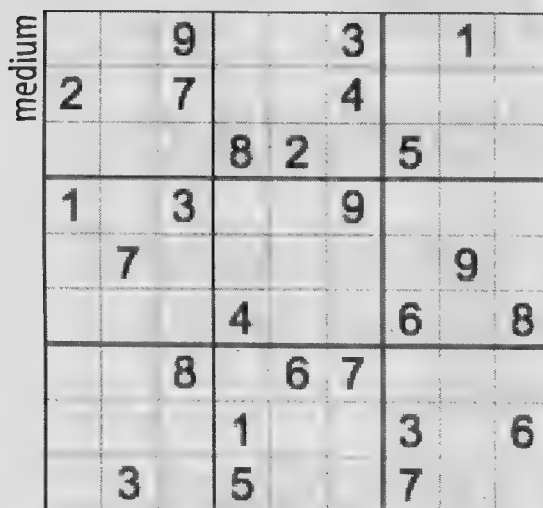
## DOWN

- 1- Poet  
 2- Malarial fever  
 3- Speech issue  
 4- Confined within fixed bounds  
 5- Tidily kept  
 6- Small egg  
 7- Stupefy  
 8- Axlike tool  
 9- Lock opener  
 10- Falafel sauce  
 11- Mine entrance  
 12- Female horse  
 13- Minerals  
 21- Cereal grain  
 22- rifle (through)  
 24- Like old bread  
 25- Comply  
 26- Halts  
 27- Unit of weight in gemstones  
 28- Winged  
 29- Move sideways  
 30- Prepares for publication  
 31- One tenth, usually  
 32- Brewer's need  
 34- Disgusting dirt  
 37- Capricorn's animal  
 38- Member of a panel  
 40- Run away  
 41- Heath  
 43- Fourth highest peak in the world  
 46- Not concealed  
 47- Amphetamine tablet  
 48- Yonder thing  
 49- Israeli round dance  
 50- Frolic  
 51- Smell or fragrance  
 52- River in central Europe  
 53- Sheltered, nautically  
 54- Sandy tract  
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## Good Week / Bad Week

### National sports in a nutshell

A column by *The Cynic Sports Staff*

#### Good Week for Josh Beckett

By JOSH APPELBAUM

On April 16, Boston's Josh Beckett continued his torrid start to the season by leading the Red Sox to a 7-2 victory over the LA Angels in the annual Boston Marathon game.

Despite a more than two hour rain delay, the 26 year old Texan and former World Series MVP silenced Vladimir Guerrero and company by throwing six innings of one run and six hits.

Running his record to 3-0 for the second season, Beckett lowered his ERA to a 1.50.

Beckett's Marathon Monday performance left the Fenway faithful with little regret over giving up last season's NL Rookie of the Year Hanley Ramirez to obtain the 6'5" flamethrower.

#### Bad Week for Cubs Fans

By NICK DECARO

The Cubs are favorites to win the NL Central this season with the off-season addition of slugger Alfonso Soriano and manager Lou Piniella. The Cubs are 5-8 headed into their April 18 showdown with the Atlanta Braves and find themselves in the cellar of the wide open NL Central.

To make matters worse the \$80,000,000-man has only one RBI this season, and is out for most likely a week with a tweaked hammy.

Star third baseman Aramis Ramirez has already missed five games this season, Mark Prior continues to struggle to regain his form and staff ace Carlos Zambrano is 1-2 with a 7.88 ERA.

Will the Cubs be able to right the ship to their early season struggle? Is this the year they reverse the curse?

#### Good Week for the Nationals

By CORY WILLIAMS

Hats off to the Washington Nationals, who wore Virginia Tech caps on Tuesday night to honor those murdered in Blacksburg.

It was a very respectful action and really helped put the importance of baseball as a healing mechanism into place, while at the same time acknowledging the insignificance of sports in the big picture.

#### Bad Week for Preseason Picks

My preseason picks for division and wild card winners have yet to earn the praise I bestowed on them.

The worst offender so far has been my pick for World Series Champion, the Philadelphia Phillies.

At 3-9, they are a team apparently incapable of winning. Only Kansas City has a worse record at this point in the season.



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

(Top) Freshman Sara Buxton (19) shoots and scores against Boston U. for one of her three goals in Wednesday's game.

(Above Left) Freshman Ali Haigh (17) protects the ball from her defender.

(Above Right) Senior Becky Kenison (18) beats her Boston U defender. Kenison finished with three goals in Wednesday's game. The Cats fell to Boston U. but came back against UMBC with a 10-point win this past week.

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STANDINGS

## A-East Men's Lacrosse

1. Albany	11-1 (4-0)
2. UMBC	8-4 (3-1)
3. Stony Brook	7-3 (2-2)
4. Binghamton	3-8 (2-2)
5. Hartford	2-11 (1-3)
6. Vermont	2-20 (0-4)

## A-East Women's Lacrosse

1. Boston U.	9-5 (5-1)
2. Stony Brook	12-2 (4-1)
3. New Hampshire	6-8 (3-2)
4. UMBC	7-9 (2-3)
5. Albany	6-8 (2-3)
6. Vermont	4-11 (2-3)
7. Binghamton	1-12 (0-5)

## A-East Baseball

1. Binghamton	15-11-8 (5-2-0)
2. Stony Brook	1-16-8 (0-3-0)
3. Vermont	13-17-8 (3-4-0)
4. Hartford	9-23-8 (0-5-0)
5. Albany	12-28-8 (4-4-0)
6. Albany	15-15-8 (2-6-0)
7. UMBC	9-25-8 (1-11-0)

## A-East Softball

1. Boston U.	27-9-0 (11-2-0)
2. Stony Brook	24-13-0 (10-3-0)
3. Hartford	18-18-0 (0-4-0)
4. UMBC	25-13-0 (0-5-0)
5. Albany	23-13-0 (0-7-0)
6. Albany	23-13-0 (0-7-0)
7. Vermont	8-25-8 (2-12-0)
8. Binghamton	5-25-8 (1-12-0)

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## Tuesday (4.24)

Baseball vs. Dartmouth (3p.m.)

## Wednesday (4.25)

Softball @ Albany (2) (2p.m.)

Baseball @ Quinnipiac (3p.m.)

## Thursday (4.26)

Track and Field @ Penn Relays

## Friday (4.27)

Baseball vs. UMBC (3p.m.)

## Saturday (4.28)

Men's Lacrosse vs. Hartford (11a.m.)

Track and Field @ UMass w/UNH and Central Conn. (11:30a.m.)

Baseball vs. UMBC (2) (12p.m.)

Aofball vs. Binghamton (7) (12p.m.)

Women's Lacrosse vs. Stony Brook (2p.m.)

## Sunday (4.29)

Baseball vs. UMBC (12p.m.)

Softball vs. Binghamton (12p.m.)

## LAST WEEK (4.17-4.23)

## Softball

9-22 (2-9-4-East)	Loss
vs. Hartford (2) (4.20)	000-010-0 - 1
UMBC	102-021-0 - 6
UMBC	020-000 - 3
UMBC	000-222 - 11
vs. Albany (4.22)	Loss
UMBC	000-000-0 - 2
UMBC	010-000-2 - 3

## Men's Lacrosse

3-9 (0-3-4-East)	Loss
vs. UMBC (4.21)	1-0-1-5 - 11
UMBC	7-0-5-4 - 20

## Women's Lacrosse

4-11 (1-3-4-East)	Loss
vs. Boston U. (4.18)	3-5 - 0
Boston U.	7-11 - 10
vs. UMBC (4.21)	Win
UMBC	15-5 - 20
UMBC	3-7 - 10

## Baseball

10-16-8 (1-2-4-East)	FFO
④ Binghamton (4.17)	(10) Win
vs. Hartford (4.20)	010-001-000-1 - 3
UMBC	000-000-000-0 - 2
vs. Hartford (2) (4.21)	Win
UMBC	000-001-X - 1
Hartford	000-000-0 - 0
UMBC	001-000-X - 3
Hartford	000-000-0 - 2
vs. Hartford (4.22)	Loss
UMBC	000-000-0 - 0
Hartford	001-010-0 - 3

## S C O R E B O A R D

## Do We Want the Olympics?

With Chicago receiving the United States Olympic bid for 2016, do we really want them?

By DAKOTA RUBIN  
Foreign Correspondent

Last week I was elated to learn that my city and home, Chicago, had beat out Los Angeles for the United States bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

This was amazing news because what could be better to a sports fan than the world's biggest sporting event coming to your hometown?

But the main preoccupation of sports writers isn't "Will Chicago win?" but instead "Do we want Chicago to win?"

I have heard the stories of cities being left with heaping piles of debt and with battered economies for years to come from the economic stress the games put on the

city. But I have also seen situations like Barcelona (1992) when the Olympics pulled a city out of the dumps and put her and the country on their feet again and the economy of Spain has been climbing ever since.

For a while I was all about avoiding the debt and playing it safe. But this is the Olympics.

How many times in life are the Olympics going to be in the states, let alone in my hometown?

While some say that with Atlanta having had the games in 1996, the States won't get the games again, I think that if a city like Atlanta can get the Olympics, Chicago will be unbeatable when the voting comes around in 2009.

I have come to the conclusion that, with Mayor Daley at the helm and the backing of heavy-hitting investors who have already pledged the estimated five billion needed to execute the games, Chicago needs the

games. The city is not in bad shape or in desperate need of the economic push.

But the United States desperately needs to impress the world and prove that there is more to America than a war on terrorism and what better way than to have the world at our doorstep for the XXXI Olympiad?

Here is a look at what countries will be competing with Chicago for the 2016 Summer Olympics:

Rome: After the winter Olympics were in Torino in 2006, it is a stretch to imagine Italy getting the games again so soon.

Prague: A long shot because of their lack of Olympic facilities including stadiums, pools and housing.

Madrid: Back after losing out to London for the 2012 games, Madrid would have a great shot if it was not for the games being in western Europe just four years before.

Tokyo: Right along with Madrid as a city that would

have a good chance at the games if it was not for the 2008 Olympics being held in Beijing.

Rio de Janeiro: The Olympics have never been in South America and with Brazil's history of hosting major events, including the World Cup, will give them a great opportunity to win the bid.

The one sticking point in the bid is that the games would have to take place during the winter in order for it to be summer in Brazil.

Whether that will affect the Olympic Committee remains to be seen.

Over the coming months, cities ranging from Qatar to Montreal are expected to announce bids.

Yet, with all the time between now and the final voting on October 2, 2009 anything can happen.

All I can do is support my city, which has a chance to once again unite the country, which has started to loose focus on what is important lately.

BASEBALL  
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moved to third after senior Will Huntington flied out to deep center.

Rembisz then beat out a throw from shortstop after he hit a shot into the hole between third and short, allowing Gallipani to score.

Hartford threatened in the seventh getting a runner into scoring position with one out, but Rembisz sealed the shutout by fanning the final

two batters of the game.

Rembisz lowered his ERA to an impressive 1.90 and he leads the conference in strikeouts with 57.

## Game 2: Vermont 3, Hartford 2

In the nightcap Kyle Henry pitched a complete game to give the Catamounts a sweep of the doubleheader.

Henry allowed only two runs on six hits while striking out five.

Hartford struck first with two runs in the first inning thanks to a RBI double by Ben Sobocinski and a single from Bill Perry.

That was all that Hart-

ford would get in the second game.

Henry settled down allowing only three hits the rest of the game.

Vermont chipped away at the Hawk lead in the third grabbing a run when sophomore Nick Matusick was plated by a Will Huntington single.

The 2-1 lead stuck for Hartford until the bottom of the fifth when Gallipani doubled with one out to get the Catamount rally started.

Matusick got his second hit on the afternoon to move Gallipani over to third.

Huntington then laid down

a squeeze bunt to score Gallipani and tie the game at two.

Rembisz then smashed a triple into the right field corner, bringing in Matusick.

For Rembisz, it was the second go ahead and eventually game-winning hit on the afternoon.

Vermont moves to 13-16 on the season, 4-2 in America East play, putting them in third place behind Binghamton and Stony Brook.

Vermont wraps up the four game series with Hartford before hosting Dartmouth on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

The  
Looper

Austin Danforth  
Editor-in-Chief

Virginia Tech and  
School Spirit

There were a lot of things going through my head when I heard about the Virginia Tech shootings and saw the ensuing coverage.

There were the usual "Who? What!-How?!" questions, the pangs of sorrow and the utter disbelief that something of that scale actually just happened.

Yet, one of the most striking things I took away from the pictures of that pretty, green, blustery campus ringed by rolling hills and mountains was the incredible school spirit shared by all of the Hokie students.

For the first few days following the horrific rampage that left 33 people dead, including the shooter himself, I was amazed at the widespread displays of school spirit.

I could have sworn my vision was colored Hokie maroon and orange. I was sure that the signature "VT" logo — something that has always confused me; Vermont should be "VT" but instead we're "UVM" — was part of a sad veil covering America.

See, from last week's recollections and descriptions, Blacksburg really sounds a heck of a lot like Burlington. Pretty, quiet and friendly are all adjectives we hear about our little city. They have the Blue Ridge Mountains, we have the Green Mountains.

Suffice it to say, there are more than a few similarities between Va. Tech and UVM. But beyond geography and the alphabet, our two schools have been shaped by terrible tragedies in the last year.

Sadly, the Virginia Tech shooting is the most recent.

In the last year, UVM has had to deal with the weight of the deaths of community members in the form of the August murders in Essex and then with the death of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.

Now, Virginia Tech has to deal with not just a single death, or even three. They have more than 30 people to grieve for. It's amazing that the campus can still function.

In times like these, sports are, and should remain, an afterthought.

For the athletes, the games are probably a nice respite from the horrific morning hours of April 16.

For the rest of the student body, it's probably even tougher. Who can imagine having to go to class after something like that? Being forced to sit in the same room? That's just too much.

What they all have and showed they have, is school spirit.

While we rallied at UVM after the tragedy surrounding Michelle Gardner-Quinn, we didn't show an ounce of the school spirit that the Hokies have showed, from the student-grassroots level right on up to the administration organization level.

We had vigils, we prayed, but we didn't gather en masse, displaying our unified support in green and gold.

The fact remains that while UVM may be spirited, we certainly lack spirit as UVM.

We need to do whatever is necessary to remedy this situation; so that the next time we need to rally behind a cause or for a person, we're all there to do so like the Hokies were this past week.

Because, if anything, Virginia Tech taught us what it means, and what it looks like, to have school spirit and community support.



# For the Love of the Game ... or Lack There of?

A Column By Steve Hausmann

I was such a wannabe jock.

All through high school (and a year in middle school) I "played" football for the Penfield Patriots – third string free safety and 93rd string wide receiver.

I know what you're thinking, "this poor kid, tried so hard but just could not make it to the big time," but you're way, way off.

I wouldn't trade my high school football experience for a chance to coach the Dallas Cowboys (it's not just Homer's fantasy).

The camaraderie, the workout, the goofing around on the sidelines with my benchwarmer buddies – it was, in retrospect (and possibly through a rose-colored face mask visor) incredible.

On top of all that cheesy, Disney Channel "love of the team" fluff, I look back now and realize another extremely important perk of playing an organized sport – the subtle coercion to pay attention to other organized sports.

From grades eight through 12, I followed everything: hockey, Indy car racing, the Kentucky Derby - I wouldn't miss a second of it.

Flash forward to college. I'm an editor for a newspaper and I watch Battlestar Galactica in my spare time. Perhaps college unleashed my inner nerd. Perhaps it's the constant takeover of the T.V. by roommates.

Perhaps it was only the participation in sports which brought out the spectator in me. At any rate, I rarely sit down and watch anything more than a few innings, maybe a quarter or two. My fervor is gone.

A fair-weather fan? Probably. I still follow my Red Sox, my Steelers/Bills (long story), but mostly on ESPN.com.

I watched a handful of tourney games this March, but missed the entire Final Four. I missed the Masters, having a rather huge paper on the American entry into World War II due the following Monday.

I'm not just rambling – I mostly do that when inebriated or talking about music (not mutually exclusive). My point is a compliment: to those of you who are either good enough at sports to carry through into college, I salute you. To the season ticket holder who hasn't missed a game since diapers, I salute you.

Me? I'll keep Sportsline tabbed, ask my dad who won the game last night and wonder where I went wrong.



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Senior Brandon Miles pitches the ball in Friday's game against Hartford. Miles and the Cats were able to pull off a 10th inning win thanks to a last minute hit by junior Kyle Henry.

## Solid Pitching Propels Vermont Over Hartford

**The Cats dominated the Hartford Hawks in the four-game series at Centennial Field**

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

**Friday: Vermont 3, Hartford 2 (10 innings)**

Junior Kyle Henry's game ending single to left-center gave Vermont a win at its conference home opener on Friday at Centennial Field.

Senior Brandon Miles made an emergency start and tossed a gem.

He went seven and a third innings, scattering three hits and allowing one run, while striking out seven in his longest outing of the season.

"He didn't know he was going to start until a half hour before the game, and he went out and got the job done," head coach Bill Currier said of Miles' performance.

The Catamount offense came alive, pounding out 11 hits in the game. "We

hit the ball today, we needed to adjust to the side arm style of pitching," Currier said.

Vermont was able to grab the lead in the bottom of the second.

Freshman Bryce Shattie doubled down the left field line to plate fellow freshman Ethan Paquette, who led off the inning with a single.

The Cats struck again in the sixth after junior Kyle Massie led off the inning with a single.

He moved to third after a single from Paquette, who was two for four on the day.

Shattie was walked, then senior Nick Gallipani plated Massie with an infield chopper to give Vermont a 2-0 lead.

Hartford answered in the eighth inning after walking Hartford's Matt O'Connell, Miles' stellar outing came to an end.

A two run home run over the right field fence by Hartford's Ben Sobocinski tied the game at two.

Sophomore Keith Rakus shut the door on the Hawks the rest of the way,

pitching an inning and two thirds.

Senior Jim Chapman hit a shot at the first basemen David Grossman that was too hot to handle, and he reached second.

Chapman was 2-5 in the game. Henry then smashed the game winner into the gap in left center.

**Saturday: Game 1: Vermont 1, Hartford 0**

Senior Bryan Rembisz pitched a complete game shutout for the Catamounts.

Rembisz surrendered three hits and struck out seven, and did not issue any walks.

Rembisz outdueled Hartford's Pete Moraski, who also went the distance and was the hard luck loser.

He struck out five giving up only one hit on the afternoon.

The lone run of the game came in the sixth when Gallipani walked to lead off the inning.

Freshman Brad Currier then sacrificed him to second, and Gallipani

**BASEBALL, page A11**

## Crew Dominates Home Regatta



The UVM men's and women's crew teams topped the competition in the Vermont Cup – their first home regatta in recent years. Sweeping every even from varsity eights and down, defeating the likes of SUNY Geneseo and Clarkson, the crew teams continue to perform as one of the school's most competitive club teams.

(Information from <http://www.uvm.edu/~crew/>)

(Left) Josh Mangiagli, Ian Anderson, Chris Offendsend, Alex Kerr and Coxing is Kerrie Lohr.

(Gardner Howell/UVM Crew)





## Women's Lacrosse

The seniors' performance in the final home game of the season was not enough to lift the Cats over Stony Brook

By KAT WILLIAMS

Cynic Correspondent

The Seawolves of Stony Brook defeated the Cats 18-9 on Saturday in the last regular season women's lacrosse game.

Stony Brook grabbed a part of the America East Women's Lacrosse Regular Season Championship as well as the top seed for the championship scheduled for May 4-6, hosted by Stony Brook.

Vermont ends its 2007 season with a 5-12 record overall and a 2-4 record in the America East.

Stony Brook's win ends their reg-

WOMEN'S LACROSSE - A10

## Softball

By DENNIS ROBILLARD

Senior Staff Writer

Bird enthusiasts ambling through the woods surrounding Post Field may have been distracted by the shrieks and yelps they heard resounding amongst the tires.

It wasn't a new exotic species to Vermont but rather the sound of UVM standout pitcher Aimee Kern whipping balls past the Bearcats of SUNY-Binghamton to the tune of two victories and just one earned run.

Sophomore Allison Daggett picked up a victory as well to help the Catamounts to a home weekend sweep.

In the first game of the double-header Saturday, it was a pitchers duel between Kern and Binghamton's Cyrilla Suker. Kern had eight strikeouts and allowed just five hits while Suker held the Catamounts to six hits along with six strikeouts.

Suker's lone mistake came in the fifth inning, when she allowed a pair of UVM juniors to further dampen

SOFTBALL - A10

## Men's Lacrosse Triumphs Over Hartford in Final Game



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Seniors and co-captains Pete Hein (24) and John Leonard (3) check a Hartford player in Saturday's contest. Leonard recorded his first career goal in the fourth period as Hein recorded two of his own.

### The Catamounts go out in style dominating the Hawks 20-12 in the season finale

By CORY WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

Riding an eight-game losing streak into their final home game, the men's lacrosse seniors did not want to go down without a fight.

After a first-period hat trick by Hartford's Jason Whitehouse, the Catamounts (4-10, 1-4 America East) found themselves in an early hole, down 6-2.

The lead was trimmed to 6-4 with goals scored by senior co-captain Pete Hein and sophomore Brandon Goodwyn.

Senior co-captain Dan Zwirko want-

ed to try something new in his last game at UVM.

Zwirko's trick shot, a behind-the-back move that resulted in a goal, cut the lead to 6-5 and helped spark an impressive Catamount rally.

"Watching [junior Trevor] Wagar in practice, he was using a Canadian Box move," Zwirko said, referencing the Canadian indoor lacrosse league. "I figured I'd try it out."

After goals by sophomore Alex Young, Wagar, and Zwirko, senior Sean Layton gave the Catamounts their first lead of the game at 9-8 and UVM never looked back.

In a third period that began with a score of 10-8, Vermont rattled off seven goals to take a 17-10 lead going into the final frame.

With a final score of 20-12, a lot of positives could be drawn from the game,

Layton said.

"Putting up 20 goals is hard to do against anyone, and I'm proud of our team today," Layton said. "We finished the season strong."

In the fourth period, senior co-captain John Leonard scored the first goal of his career on a feed from senior Adam Kornuth.

"It's the best feeling I've had in a long time," Leonard said. "Getting the opportunity to score was unexpected."

Layton finished with four goals on the afternoon, while both Pierson and Zwirko put up three.

Hein added two goals in his last game as a Catamount.

Senior co-captain Daryl Swarts made 15 saves on the afternoon in his final ap-

MEN'S LACROSSE - A10

## Baseball Starts to Roll

After snatching three of four games from Hartford, UVM defeated Dartmouth Quinipiac and took two from UMBC

By NICK DECARO

Senior Staff Writer

Vermont has come on strong going 7-2 headed into Sunday's closing game with the Retrievers.

**Tuesday 4/24: Vermont 11, Dartmouth 5**

Vermont's offense exploded for 11 runs on the afternoon, breaking the game open with three in the fifth inning, and a five run sixth at Centennial Field.

Junior Eric Thompson pitched an effective seven and a third innings only walking one batter, while striking out seven giving up five runs to earn his second win of the season.

Thompson received huge support

from his teammates who pounded out ten hits led by senior Jim Chapman's three for four performance with two RBIs.

Senior Nick Gallipani and freshman Ethan Paquette also drove in two runs on the afternoon.

The Catamounts took the lead for good in the fifth after an RBI triple from senior Bryan Rembisz tied the game and then a single by Chapman put Vermont in front for good.

Sophomore Jeremiah Bayer got out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning and finished the game for the Catamounts going an inning and two thirds, striking out three and giving up no runs on no hits.

**Wednesday 4/25: Vermont 9, Quinipiac 8**

Vermont slugged its way to another win thanks in large part to junior Kyle Henry's two home runs and four RBIs.

BASEBALL - A11



(Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

Sophomore Jeff Nolet (30) swings during one of his three at-bats as designated hitter in Sunday's contest against UMBC. The Cats dominated the Retrievers with an early second inning lead and recorded a 4-3 win.



## S.L.A.P. Ends Its Hunger Strike



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

S.L.A.P. protesters gather on the steps of Waterman after a meeting with President Daniel Fogel. The protesters had been on a hunger strike since Monday, congregating on the green in front of Waterman.

By VERA SIMON-NOBES

Senior Staff Writer

S.L.A.P. ended their five-day hunger strike on Friday April 27, after President Fogel announced that he will form a University Benefits Advisory Council that will include two student representatives.

President Fogel said he deeply respected the students' advocacy and that S.L.A.P.'s action was integral in getting students onto the council.

At this point, the council will be a standing body at the University, Fogel said. The 15-person council will consist of presidential appointees from the unions, two non-represented faculty and two students, who SGA President Kesha Ram will nominate.

"I promise you that I will make those appointments, including appointments of students, within the next couple of weeks, at the most," Fogel said.

S.L.A.P. said that President Fogel's solution was too general.

"I'm a little weary of not committing to any specific policy," sophomore Max Tracy said.

"I understand the weariness and I respect the weariness. But I ask you to look at what has unfolded with a certain openness to trust," Fogel said. "When I said I'd give this thought and do something to respond, I did something to respond ... I hope you do find this a heartfelt and sincere response."

S.L.A.P. wanted more than a verbal commitment that the administration would address livable wages.

"Why don't we codify some of this sincerity with a specific policy that would reflect that? Right now we're in a position where consideration can be many things," Tracy said.

President Fogel outlined the objectives of the council. "It will help

to monitor benefits, to understand their value," Fogel said. "It will help us and the unions go into negotiations with a much better shared understanding of what the actions are."

A recent misunderstanding put a twist in S.L.A.P.'s campaign for livable wages.

President Fogel had repeatedly said that with benefits, UVM's wage package is very close to reaching livable wage. On April 26, SGA President Kesha Ram, Vice President DaVaughn Bryan, and Treasurer Sarah Shackett obtained the exact calculations from the Joint Fiscal Office. These numbers quantified President Fogel's claim.

The value of the University's benefits package offered to the lowest paid employees, added to the base wage of \$10.75 per hour is \$13.68 per hour. In January, the Joint Fiscal Office calculated livable wage for a single person living in Burlington to be \$13.62 per hour. According to the Joint Fiscal Office, UVM does pay a livable wage.

"The actual compensation is in a better place than any of us thought it was," President Fogel said, "We share responsibility in having failed to fully analyze this or to understand what Joint Fiscal Office was doing ... I apologize for that."

S.L.A.P. members said that the miscommunication was due to a lack of transparency concerning the value of the benefits, and they are committed to having clarity in the future.

"That is our goal—to come out of this and be able to say, 'there is a policy in place that can always identify these figures, make them public, and have conversation about them,'" sophomore Kat Nopper said.

Junior organizer Sam Maron said

STRIKE - A5

## RAIN OR SHINE ... SPRINGFEST COMES AGAIN



(Ian Jansen-Lonnquist/Vermont Cynic)

Despite the decision was made to move Springfest indoors, to the Patrick Gym, more than 3000 people — attendees and volunteers — were at the event, SA Concerts President Kevin Jones said. The annual spring concert lineup included Apollo Sunshine, Rjd2, Ziggy Marley and Robert Randolph & The Family Band. (See the B-Side for more coverage)

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Baseball surges, winning seven of their last nine games

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Springfest, Elie Wiesel, and Planet Earth.

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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### •David Halberstam dead at 74

Journalist David Halberstam, noted for his criticism of the Vietnam War, died when his car was blindsided in California. Halberstam was well noted for his book "The Best and the Brightest." Notably, President Kennedy ordered the publisher of *The New York Times* to fire Halberstam. The publisher refused.

### •Congress set for showdown with Bush

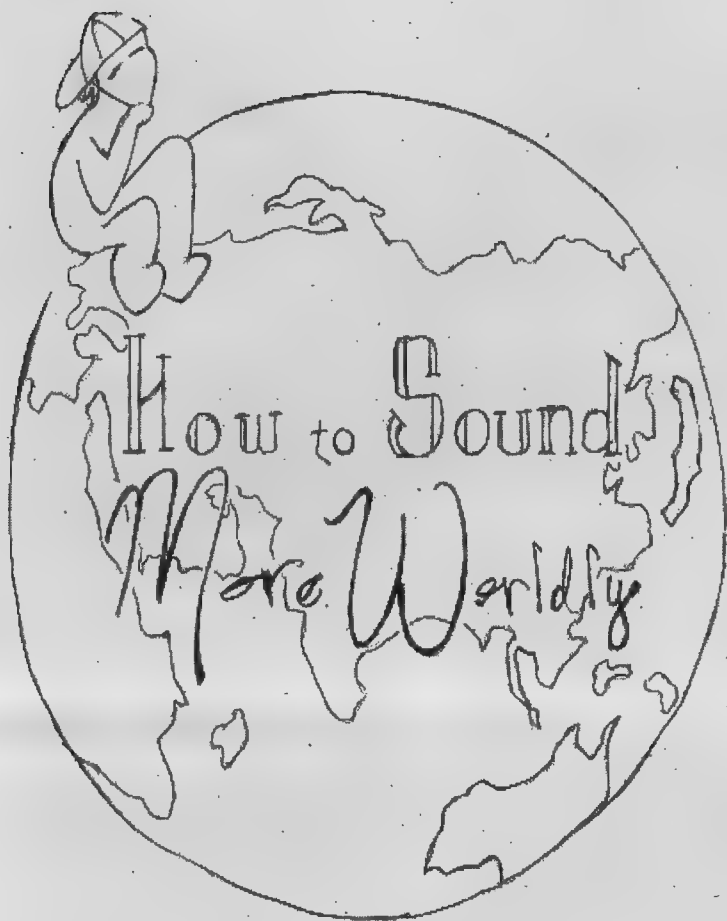
Congress passed a war spending bill that stipulates that troops be removed from Iraq within a set timetable. President Bush has sworn that he will veto any bill that comes before him with a timetable for the withdrawal of troops attached.

### •Iran bans western hair styles

The Iranian government has ordered the haircutters union in Iran to cease all western hair styles. Included in this ban is a ban on plucking men's eyebrows. Also included in the ban is the "rooster." A hairstyle in which a man gels his hair up.

### •Rice denies Bush came into office with intent to go to war

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has stated that President Bush did not enter office in 2000 with the intent of taking the country to war in Iraq and Afghanistan.



## Financial News

### The Dow sets record

The Dow Jones industrial average set records on Wednesday when it broke above the 13,000 mark. The Dow did not stop at 13,000 and continued on to reach 13,120.94, setting a new record for the industrial average. The Dow Jones industrial average is made up of 30 industrials including the Coca-Cola company, Boeing, IBM, Merck, Microsoft and JP Morgan Chase. At the end of the weeks trading, the Dow had gained 158.96 points and closed at 13,120.94.

### Apple breaks \$100 a share

Apple Inc. shattered expectations when it announced an 88 percent increase in profits. Apple said their profit is now \$ 770 million, up from \$410 million last year. Last quarter, Apple sold 1.5 million Macs. The surprising increase came in the same quarter as Microsoft's long-awaited release of Vista. Apple's stock hit \$102.44 on Wednesday before settling out around \$100 dollars a share.

### •Iran plans to attend Iraq conference

Iran has announced it will attend a regional conference in Egypt aimed at dealing with the violence in Iraq. Other attendees of the conference include Egypt, Bahrain and the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

### •Overpass collapses in Oakland

Pre-dawn a tanker-truck carrying gasoline crashed taking down a heavily used overpass in the mouth of a highway system feeding onto the Bay Bridge connecting San Francisco and surrounding areas. Highway officials believe this will complicate commutes for months ahead.

### •Josh Hancock, Cardinals pitcher, dead

Josh Hancock, a relief pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals was killed when his SUV plowed into a tractor-trailer in front of him. Hancock was a member of the bullpen that won the World Series last year for the Cardinals. Hancock was last seen pitching three innings in the Cardinals' loss to the Chicago Cubs.

### •Shooting at Kansas City mall kills three

A gunman killed a police officer and two others at a Kansas City mall. The gunman had previously killed a woman a few days before and stolen her car. Police spotted the stolen car at the mall and went after the man.

### •Controversy arises in Japan

Women have come forward demanding reparations after being forced in the time period after World War II to become sex slaves for American soldiers occupying Japan. General Douglas MacArthur disbanded this custom. Custom dated back to the Japanese government providing women for Japanese soldiers.

### •Randy Moss traded to the Pats

Receiver Randy Moss—known for his temperamental attitude—was traded from the Oakland Raiders to the New England Patriots on the second day of the NFL draft. Moss, a ten year veteran of the NFL has also played for the Minnesota Vikings. The Patriots were 20 million under their salary cap at the beginning of this year.

### •Secular Turks continue to protest

Secular protesters throughout Turkey have taken to the streets in droves numbering in the thousands in protest against what they feel is a strengthening religious movement within the country. They feel a growing conservative Islamic group is threatening the country's secular tradition.

### •French Candidate holds private debate

Segolene Royal, the socialist candidate for next week's President runoff election held a debate between herself and a man not running for office. Pundits speculate the purpose of the debate was to increase her appeal to a larger group within the country.

\*All information collected from *The New York Times*

## COMMITTED TO THE FACTS

• In last week's *Cynic* B-Side, Emily Shapiro was quoted as paraphrasing professor Andrew Golub on the history of 4:20. Although Shapiro did take professor Golub's Drugs and Society class last semester, she was not directly contacted for permission to be quoted in the article.

• In last week's article on EarthFest the sponsor of EarthFest was incorrectly attributed to the Michelle's Earth Foundation. The University Program Board was responsible for EarthFest.



# 'Conscience of Generation' Speaks at UVM

**Wiesel comes to UVM and receives honorary doctorate from President Fogel**

By ALISON STOUT  
Senior Staff Writer

Elie Wiesel spoke at UVM on Wednesday, April 25, to a crowd of over 3,500 people in the Patrick Gymnasium.

The 78-year-old Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize winner has written over 40 books and has won over 100 honorary degrees, according to The Elie Wiesel Foundation website.

President Fogel presented Wiesel with "the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters," and ended his introductory speech to Wiesel with "Shalom."

The idea for Wiesel's visit came from senior Meredith Burak, the president of UVM's chapter of S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) and a member of UVM Hillel.

"Four years ago, Elie Wiesel was one of the first to alert the world of the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan."

"Elie Wiesel's activism challenges the conscience of the world," Burak said.

Wiesel addressed both current and past issues in the world, and stated, in regards to the genocide in Darfur and the recent massacre at Virginia Tech, that "the world hasn't improved."

Wiesel spoke briefly of his life before the Holocaust, and told a story in which his family's maid, a Christian, came to them in the ghetto and told them to come to the mountains with her, where she would keep them safe.

Wiesel's father replied that they would stay in the ghetto with their people, because they were a part of the community. Had they known of Auschwitz, had Roosevelt or someone else said something about it, Wiesel said, they would have gone and hid, giving his family a better chance at survival.

"Why didn't Roosevelt speak up?" Wiesel said. "And Churchill, and the others? I don't know. I really don't know. I cannot criticize. I can-

not judge. But I really don't know."

Wiesel's mother and youngest sister were killed in Auschwitz, and he and his father were then transferred to another camp, Buchenwald. His father was killed shortly before Buchenwald was liberated, leaving Wiesel with two sisters.

When Wiesel was freed from Buchenwald in 1945 he was convinced that there would never again be war, hate, anti-Semitism, or any other such form of evil. He said he was convinced that all of these things had "perished in Auschwitz," but he was wrong.

"Every moment ... a child dies of disease, of violence, of indifference of man ... If you would have told me in '45 that that's what I would see I would never [have believed you]," Wiesel said.

Wiesel, who was approached by people who were directly affected by the genocide in Sudan after over two million victims had been killed, was "one of the first to pull the alarm on Darfur," Wiesel said.

"Had the world heard our tales, had the world grown to proper conclusions, there would have been no [genocide in] Rwanda, there would have been no Darfur."

"What we can do [regarding Darfur] is simply do whatever we do, but more so... There are almost 10,000 students here at the University of Vermont. Imagine if 9,000 students signed petitions saying simply 'Mr. President, save Darfur,' and sent it... Believe me, they'd have an effect," Wiesel said.

"Why has Darfur caught on, but not Rwanda? We knew about Rwanda ... and nevertheless we let it happen ... We lost our dignity in Rwanda, and we don't want it to be repeated now in Darfur. When I say 'we,' I mean the whole world," Wiesel said.

"You have more power than you know," Wiesel said. "Do something. Even if it doesn't help, do something, for your sake, as much as for theirs."

When asked how he finds the energy to go on, he said, "I really feel the urgency. There is so much in the world to be



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Elie Wiesel, recipient of an honorary doctorate looks over the audience at the Patrick Gym; Wiesel spoke to a full audience at the gym, with overflow seating available in the tennis courts.

done. And I'm tired, yet there are some people who are even more tired than I ... My life is full of defeats and failures. I have waged so many lost wars, and fought for so many lost causes, but I will continue ... I cannot simply stand by."

Professor Wiesel said that he has never, from any of the survivors he has spoken to, heard someone finish a story, because they all broke into tears. "Maybe that is my part. To go around, collecting their tears, and turning them into words, and the words into a promise to them... because I remember times when we needed somebody to come, and nobody came."

Wiesel, who has been the

Andrew W. Mellon professor of the Humanities at Boston University since 1976, spoke of a lifelong passion for learning.

"I have devoted my entire life to learning," Wiesel said. "I don't remember myself as a child ever without a book in my arms, as it was true of my father and my mother, too, and my grandfather."

His love of learning helped him to hold onto his sanity once the Holocaust was over, he said.

Wiesel also said that words are of great value to a witness.

"The witness must use words. And here we come close to the problem. All of a

sudden we realized that we didn't have the words," he said. "Language failed us... Writers, more than any other category, committed suicide after the war ... Why? Why writers? Because a writer needs words, but when the writer realized that the words failed him, what could he do?"

Professor Wiesel repeatedly stated that "there are no words," but they do not seem to have failed him altogether. Though he waited 10 years after his liberation from Buchenwald to write of his experiences, he shared his memories in *Night*

## SGA Senator Pushes to Have American Red Cross Removed

By MICHAEL HAULENBEEK  
Senior Staff Writer

Next fall, SGA could vote on a bill that would "forbid the American Red Cross from using on-campus resources to conduct recruitment and donor activities."

It would be the second time in two years that SGA has addressed concerns regarding the American Red Cross (ARC).

The bill is a response to a policy enforced by ARC that defers gay men from donating blood, said the bill's author, John Colin Quinn. Quinn is chair of the SGA Committee on Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics.

"UVM has such a great policy on discrimination—we don't allow it," Quinn said. "[The deferral policy] goes against our whole stance on diversity and inclusion and providing a safe environment to express yourself."

The deferral policy states

that "men who have had sex with another man even one time since 1977 (MSM)" are not eligible to donate blood. It was implemented in 1983 and is intended to keep HIV-positive blood from entering the nation's blood supply, according to the American Red Cross.

Carol Dembeck, a spokeswoman for ARC in Burlington, said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for the MSM deferral policy. "We would be put out of business by FDA if we didn't follow the policy," Dembeck said. "FDA is the law of the land—our hands are tied."

The MSM deferral policy is ARC's interpretation of a non-binding FDA recommendation, Quinn said.

A spokesperson for the FDA HIV/AIDS program was not available for clarification.

According to an ARC information pamphlet, the Washington-based non-profit organization is in favor of changing

the MSM policy. Dembeck said ARC has partnered with other blood bank organizations to advocate that FDA implement a 12-month MSM deferral period instead of the current lifetime ban.

**"We would be put out of business by FDA if we didn't follow the policy."**

**-Burlington's American Red Cross Spokeswoman Carol Dembeck**

SGA senator Katy Jones said ARC has the right to continue using campus facilities.

"To effectively change the restriction of blood donations from gay men we must target the source, the FDA," she said.

Quinn said he plans to introduce a preliminary resolution to SGA early in the fall

2007 semester that would request that the ARC reconsider the MSM deferral policy within a specified amount of time.

That resolution would allow a six-month timetable for the MSM deferral to be re-evaluated, Quinn said. "We want to give them time to go up the bureaucratic ladder and try to change their policy."

If SGA passes that resolution, and the MSM policy is not changed in the allotted time, Quinn said he would introduce a second bill requesting that the ARC be prohibited from using campus facilities for blood drives.

Quinn is confident that SGA would pass both resolutions. "I think there is enough support from enough people," Quinn said. "I have talked to enough people about this, and I'm going to start talking to new senators about it."

Dembeck said that when SGA passed a similar resolution last year, University officials ruled that ARC could

continue to hold blood drives on campus, despite the resolution.

The American Red Cross is currently eligible for a 50 percent discount off of facility rental fees, and is given priority over other non-profit events, for-profit events and political events on campus, according to the UVM Web site.

"[Gay students] walk around campus, and they see [the ARC] standing out there getting priority, and they have tons of people out handing out flyers asking people to donate blood. That's where I have a huge issue," Quinn said.

The MSM policy has stirred objection on several college campuses in the U.S., according to a 2005 article in *The Los Angeles Times*. Quinn said he hopes that if the SGA resolutions pass, they will encourage more schools to take similar action, and apply further pressure for the MSM policy to be changed.

# University Rallies to Take Back the Night

**Wednesday's March was attended by President Fogel, his wife Rachel Kahn and Mayor Bob Kiss. The rally began at Billings and moves to City Hall**

By DANIELLE DIABAKLERY  
Senior Staff Writer

Nearly 200 men and women marched from the Billings Student Center to City Hall shouting and waving signs to shed light on an issue that they feel has been "silenced."

Marchers shouted "Sexual Violence has got to go," as they rallied down College Street to the honking horns of supporters during the 29th annual "Taking Back the Night" march and rally.

This annual event was held by the Women's Rape and Crisis Center as part of an international outcry against rape and sexual violence. Colleges across the nation including NYU, Harvard and UMass, participated in their own "Taking Back the Night" experiences during Sexual Awareness Month.

Survivors, friends and allies listened to speeches in front of Billings, where participants were informed that they were a "voice for those who feel silent." Students wore pink arm bands in support of the issue, while many other wore t-shirts that said "Consent is Sexy."

Participants, including President Fogel and his wife



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Students march downtown to City Hall after rallying outside Billings on Wednesday

Rachel Kahn, became silent in honor of all victims of violence as they walked passed the sight where Michelle Gardner-Quinn was seen. The block was lined with candles where students and community members solemnly marched forward.

After marching down Church Street, participants gathered in front of City Hall where Mayor Kiss spoke. "These kinds of gathering shape the city," Kiss said.

"Sexual assaults affect ev-

eryone in Burlington and one in six women in the U.S. have been sexually assaulted," Kiss said.

Participants packed into City Hall to share their experiences at an open microphone. UVM vocal groups including the Top Cats and the Cat's Meow performed.

Poet Stacey Anchin revealed empowerment through a poem about a sexual assault, "I wish every little girl had a room to hide from the brutal but too often common truths."

According to the Columbia Barnard Taking Back the Night Web site, "Rape is a hate-crime. Sexual violence is an epidemic. Yet the institutions of our society insist on treating this violence as a series of unrelated, isolated incidents. This mentality dictates that we keep off the streets, that when we are harassed we should take it as a compliment, that when we are raped we should get over it."

Sexual violence in Burlington is a growing issue, said

Elle Petcavage, the director of Education and Outreach at the Women's Rape and Crisis Center. Six hundred and two survivors of sexual violence were helped by the center last year. This number has increased from 555 the preceding year.

The 602 survivors were honored by red flags at the end of Church St.

According to the FBI Report of Offenses Known to Law Enforcement from 2003, Burlington's forcible rape rate is 1.33 times the national average, while all other forms of crime are far below the national average.

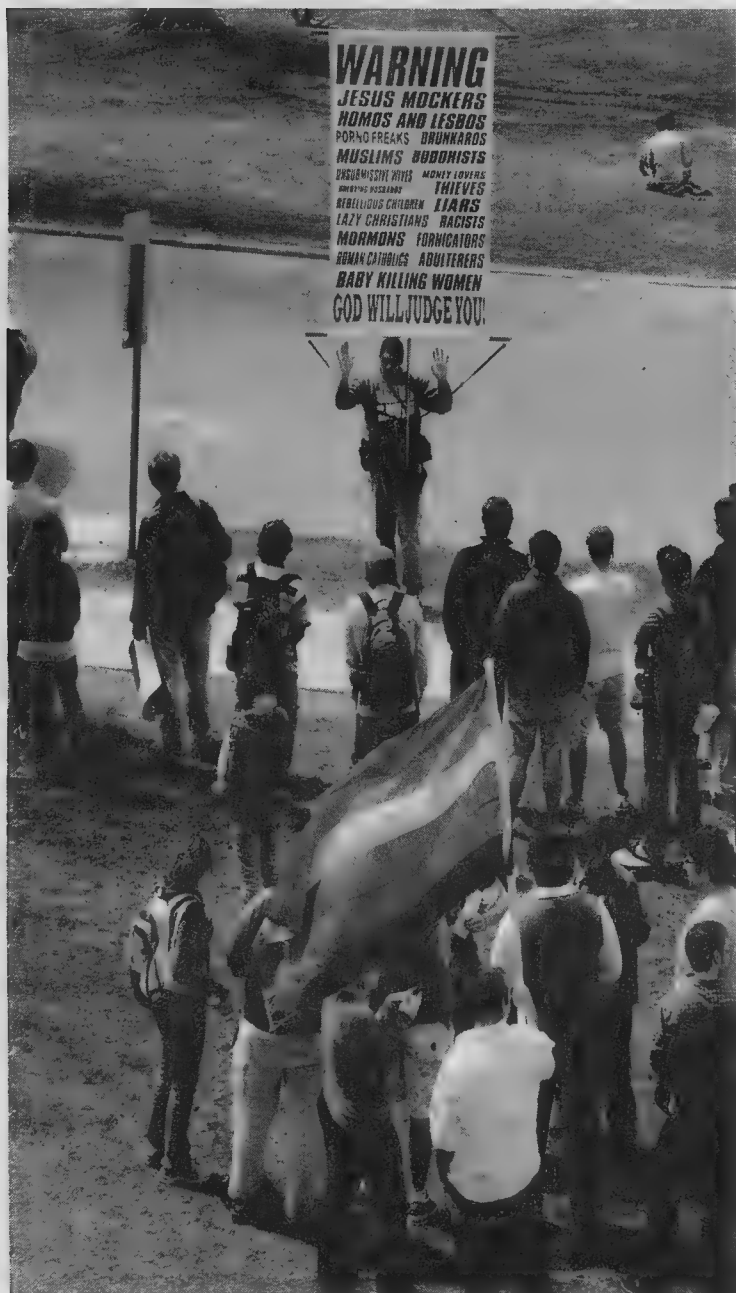
Though the population of Vermont has not even doubled since 1960, the number of forcible rapes has increased by 16 times, according to Disaster-center.com.

Rae Rosenberg, a UVM sophomore, told the *Burlington Free Press* that "I think they'll see a lot of empowerment from survivors and allies instead of the silence that's typical among survivors."

"The first 'Reclaim the Night' march was held in Belgium in 1976 by the women attending the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women. They marched together holding candles to protest the ways in which violence permeates the lives of women worldwide," according to Wikipedia.

"Everyone has the ability to stop sexual violence," said Kiss, "This is a time of commitment and I ask all citizens to join in this."

## Demonstrators Spark Protest in Front of Williams Hall



(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

Demonstrators and counter-demonstrators stand opposite each other.

By GABE MILLMAN  
Staff Writer

Students on main campus gathered in front of two men who stood in front of Williams Hall and preached in the name of the Bible verse Leviticus 17:19, which says "Do not hate your brother, rebuke your neighbor and do not suffer sins upon him."

"When you rebuke your neighbor, it's love," said one of the men, "If you hate them, you would be silent. It's love to say you 'need to come out of that sin."

"We're preaching the gospel and warning people about the judgment and sin and hell," said the other man, who called himself Jeremy. Harnessed on his front was a sign, which read a warning to a variety of groups.

Jeremy's companion stood a few feet away, singing "Where you gonna stand in the judgment day? Where you gonna land in the judgment day? What you gonna see? How you gonna be in the judgment day?"

According to Jeremy, the men are not affiliated with any group but, drove up to Burlington together from Lafayette, Louisiana. In addition to UVM, they have also made stops at several other college campuses.

"Some people like what we're saying, some people don't like it," Jeremy said, "Some people ask questions and more people are silly, but some people have serious questions."

Although most of the stu-

dents in the crowd were simply stopping on the way to their next classes, some held improvised signs, which responded to the one brought by the two visitors.

"I thought it was great because the response from the students was absolutely awesome," said Chris Riel, a sophomore who engaged Jeremy.

"It was pretty much impossible to reason with them," Riel said. "He started basical-

ly refuting everything I said."

"The likelihood is I'm not gonna change anyone's mind here," Jeremy said, "but I will get some to think and we'll give them information and hopefully it will affect something."

"He's insisting that he's not judging people but he is. I don't think that it's a very Christian thing to do, personally," Riel said.

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## STRIKE

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that workers don't always have the time to use the benefits included in the Joint Fiscal Office's calculations

"They don't have the time to take classes with tuition remission or go to the gym with the free gym pass," he said.

The group also had concerns about the contracted workers, and plans to focus on improving wages for the workers who aren't directly employed by UVM.

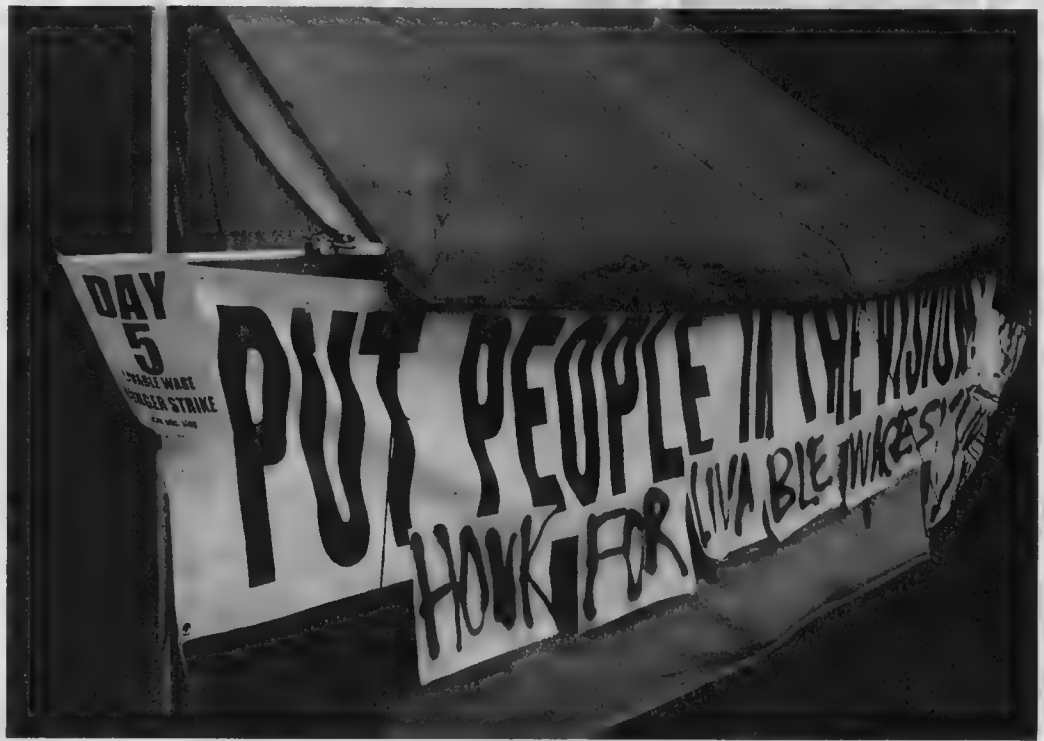
"According to the Joint Fiscal Office, UVM is paying a livable wage. Sodexo is not. Yes Sodexo is complex, but I don't think that means that it's unchangeable," junior Michael Taras said. "We need to stay focused and committed to the contracted workers."

After much deliberation, the group came to a consensus

to end the hunger strike. They made an announcement on the steps of the Waterman building, where only hours before over 150 people had gathered for a rally for livable wages.

"We want to thank the entire UVM and Burlington community for their outpouring of support during this challenging protest," Maron said, "and wish to assure everyone involved that we have emerged with a significant victory that addressed the reasons for which the hunger strike began."

SGA will be hosting a Free Speech and Livable Wage Policy Forum on Thursday, May 3, 2007. It will start at 6 p.m. in the University Heights North Multipurpose Room.



A S.L.A.P. tent set up outside Waterman during last week's five-day hunger strike.

(Liz Crawford/Vermont Cynic)

# UVM: The Year in News

Compiled by WILLIAM D. SEDLACK

News Editor

## Michelle Gardner-Quinn

UVM student Michelle Gardner-Quinn was kidnapped, raped and murdered in the fall. Brian Rooney was apprehended by police, and is awaiting trial for the rape and murder of Quinn. Friends of Quinn have created a foundation in her memory.

## Hunger Strike

Members of the Student Labor Action Project embarked on a five-day hunger strike for livable wages for all UVM workers. The protestors ended their hunger strike after an assurance by President Daniel Fogel to address the issue.

## Tent City

University of Vermont experienced Tent City once again when the Student Labor Action Project set up shop outside the Royall Tyler Theatre. The group was working to get a livable wage for all workers on campus.

(See 'Hunger Strike')

## Colby Eck

A 19-year-old man, high on various drugs broke into the dorms assaulted three women inside Harris Hall. Police apprehended the man who was later identified as Colby Eck.

## November's Election

Every November brings another round of elections. Vermont chose to raise Congressman Bernie Sanders to the United States Senate. Democrat Peter Welch replaced Sanders as Vermont's Congressional representative. Democrats took back the United States' House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

## Record-tying Season Falls Short of NCAAs

The men's basketball team tied a team record with 25 wins on the season, going 25-8 on the year. The Catamounts had the top seed in the America East tournament and fell to the second-seeded Albany Great Danes in Patrick Gym, 60-59, in the championship game. In November the Cats defeated 13th-ranked Boston College—only the second time the Cats have beaten a ranked opponent.

## ALANA Administration

University of Vermont students elected the first ALANA SGA administration in our school's history. Keshia Ram and DaVaughn Bryan took office as president and vice president on April 17, 2007.

## Fraud at UVM

UVM received national attention when it announced that a researcher within the University had committed fraud. Medical school researcher Eric Poehlman was sentenced to a year and a day at a work camp in Maryland after it was announced that he had falsified data to receive \$2.9 million in grants.

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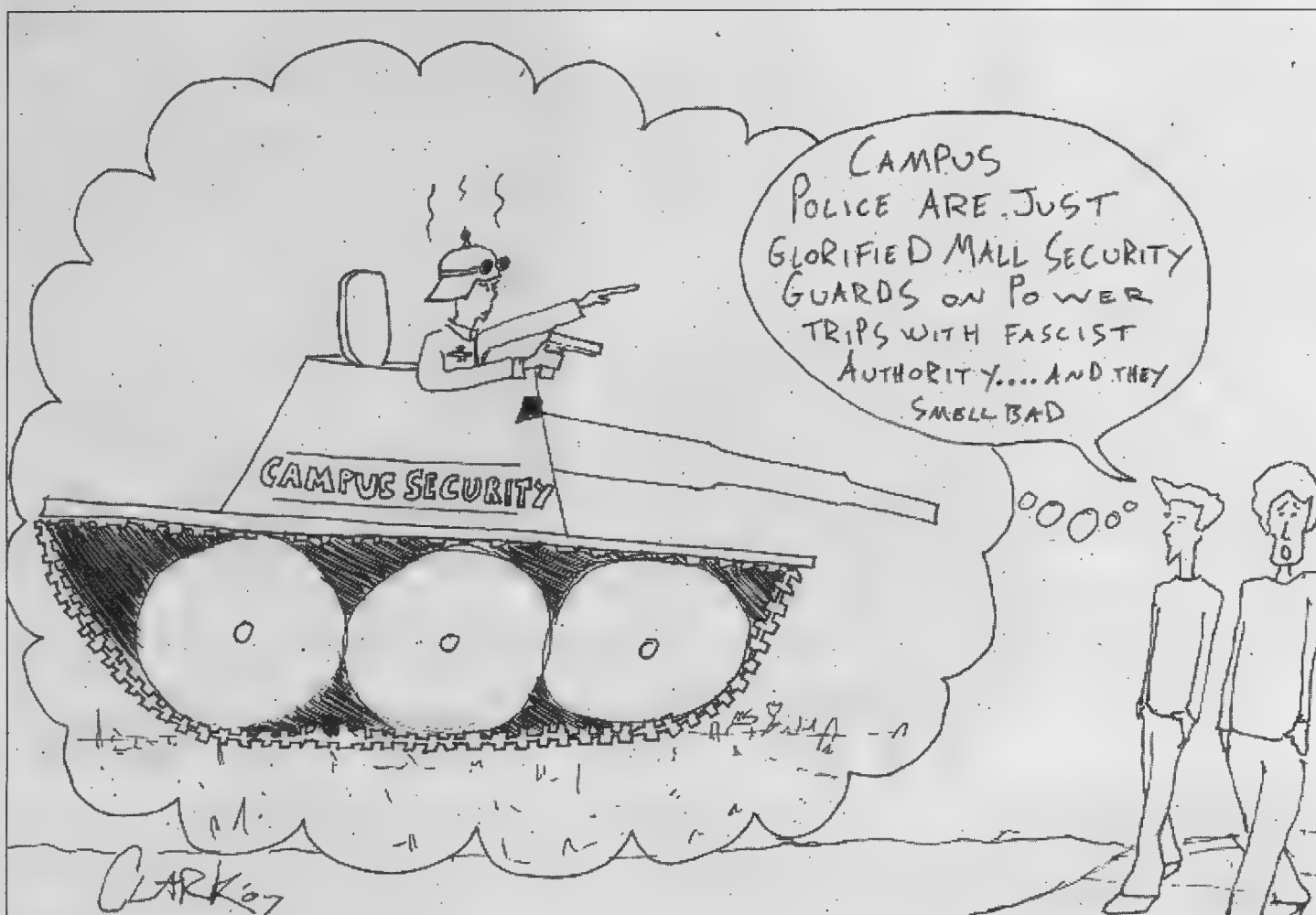
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"There is something profoundly wrong when opposition to the war in Iraq seems to inspire greater passion than opposition to Islamist extremism. There is something profoundly wrong when there is so much distrust of our intelligence community that some Americans doubt the plain and ominous facts about the threat to us posed by Iran."

-Senator Joseph  
Lieberman (D-CT)



# Chasing the Golden Ticket

Shane Kemiss Clark - Op-Ed Editor Emeritus

The University of Vermont is an over-priced institution factory-farming liberal art, farts. Let's face it seniors, your B.A. in B.S. makes you just like the thousands of other bachelor degree recipients that are victims of the educational industrial complex.

A bachelor of the arts degree may make you a competitive contestant on "Jeopardy," but the esoteric breadth of knowledge that you obtained studying cultural anthropology or medieval poetry is not going to get you very far. This may sound harsh, but it's a harsh world.

The solution: graduate school. The graduate degree has become the new undergraduate degree. Bachelors degrees are a dime a dozen these days, and your English major does not make you a unique snowflake. Clichés aside, your BA just isn't enough anymore. The education department is projecting that 3.2 million students will be graduating from high school this year, that is up from 2.6 million a decade ago, and they estimate that

at least 40 percent of these students will be going off to college. Now consider that the education department reported that in 2004 there were 2.1 million students in graduate programs. This seems to indicate that most undergraduates go onto to graduate school.

Sounds like a scam to me. Depending on in-state or out-of-state status, students can expect to pay anywhere from \$60,000 to \$140,000 for an undergraduate education. This is a lot of money to pay for a curriculum that is not designed to give students marketable job skills. The reward is another three to four years for a law or masters degree. By the time you finish, your life may already be half over. If you go for a Ph.D. you'll have spent almost 30 years of your life and a half a million dollars towards academic pursuits. With any luck your student loans will be paid off by the time you are in your forties.

We grow up under the illusion that getting your college diploma is something

like finding Willy Wonka's golden ticket. I'm not suggesting you are whisked away to a chocolate orgy after commencement (that would be cool), rather I'm pointing out that there is a false promise given to us as children that we'll get the golden ticket — a good job — if we work hard in grade school and go to college.

Unless you were raised in an ultra-demanding home, graduate school was probably not on your radar until you started undergraduate studies. Somewhere around your third semester (usually in your intro to political theory class) you have this epiphany: My new understanding of Nietzsche, Hobbes and Rousseau is not going to pull me down 35K a year.

With only a couple of weeks left as an undergraduate, I cannot help but reflect on this situation with disdain and I know that I'm not the only one. The last thing that I want to do is pile on more student loan debt, and spend countless more hours in a classroom. Then again, McDonalds is always hiring.

# Apathy? Who Cares?

Dave Sachs - B-Side Editor

In the past week the UVM campus has been a playground for both unprecedented activism and troubling apathy. From the hunger strike to the spectacular zealots parading their "cause" (or perhaps stand-up comedy show) in front of Billings, there was an air of action all week long.

I get the activism part — a motivated reaction to the powers that be is, and always has been incessantly necessary. But the apathy part — those who lay around like dead fish in the wake of important issues — what's the deal?

You don't have to agree with the hunger strike; it's a sensitive form of protest that uses human health as a vehicle for change. It's a threatening ultimatum. But for those who complained last week about the radical approach (and I heard many), what have you done to help achieve livable wages for University employees?

If you don't care about the salary of those who cook your food and clean the pee off your toilet seat, pick another cause. But don't condemn the protests of others if you're sitting around scratching your head.

The human antithesis of apathy, Elie Wiesel, spoke at length regarding the perils of inaction this week, right here on campus. He related to the audience how President Clinton admitted to him once, that had he made decisions to interject in the Rwandan genocide, many lives would have been saved. We can learn something from that, right?

Taking an activist stance does not require radical action or fiery rhetoric. The duo that approached campus with a sign imploring that, among other things, "homos," "lesbos," and "non-submissive wives" must find the righteous path, was a shocking spectacle of intolerance and bigotry (though it also condemned racists, somehow). But in a sense, arguing with the zealots legitimizes them, so one group of students followed their professor's lead in literally turning their backs to the entire spectacle, shunning them; a quiet display of activism.

In last week's student-run publication, *The Water Tower*, an article by Kristen McClaran called "Measuring Up" was pulled by the paper's (now former) publisher,

Vermont Times Argus. The humor piece commented on the "unfair advantage" men enjoy because they "can judge what they see and hide what they've got." The article featured a crude, but pretty funny cartoon lineup of six penises with their respective names (Coney, The Double Kink) and heights, entitled "The Usual Suspects".

So why did the publisher use the pull-out method? Apparently the staff had personal issues with it; their ethics were being compromised.

"Even though this is not our product, we cannot inadvertently expose employees to what amounts to pornographic content," the Times Argus stated in an email correspondence with the Water Tower's editor, Hazel Ryerson.

Whether the cartoon was funny or not, it's *The Water Tower's* prerogative to publish content for their readership, but they instead inserted photocopies of the piece into their paper and distributed it.

It's called action, and if you don't employ it, you'll forget how to use it.



JEREMY STANDISH SPIRO-WINN

Op-Ed Editor

## No-Confidence

Twice in two presidencies, our nation has had to address the question of impeachment. Yet in both instances, the interests of Congress have been out of step with those of the nation. Bill Clinton enjoyed soaring popularity despite the Monica Lewinski scandal, and now, in defiance of significant popular support for the removal of a monumentally unpopular president, our legislators seem unwilling to give the idea a fair chance.

Perhaps it is time for our nation to consider a method by which a president may be removed on the strength of unpopularity alone.

As the country stands, the only method by which the president or vice president may be removed from office exists in impeachment. But this is a very tricky and difficult process. In order to be thrown out of office in this way, the executive must be charged with, and found guilty of, treason, bribery or "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Even blatant and disastrous ineptitude, the kind that many see in George W. Bush's presidency, cannot justify removal.

Another difficulty with impeachment is that the power of the process lies solely in the hands of representatives. To remove the president, the House of Representatives must first approve articles of impeachment, which formally accuses the president of a crime, who must then be tried and convicted by a two-thirds majority of the senate.

This process is therefore highly susceptible to the partisan woes of elected representative bodies. Because of the nature of electoral politics, it is exceedingly difficult to convince members of the president's party to vote against them. Even in the face of flagrant criminal activity, then, it can be near impossible to rally enough support for removal.

But this cuts both ways. A party in dominant control of both houses but not the presidency — as experienced during the Clinton scandal — may be motivated to seek removal on tenuous grounds, or for illegitimate reasons.

The prospect of a no-confidence vote by the American people, which could be initiated by petition, would bypasses the significant legal and political hurdles of impeachment.

It offers a remedy; a chance to seize from an incompetent or widely disliked president from the helm of the nation, so that we may direct the country towards safer, more prosperous waters.

Popular removal will have the added benefit of forcing the executive to address the nation in more realistic and practical terms.

Whereas under the current system the president must only avoid blatantly violating the law or implicating himself in strictly legal matters, a no-confidence vote would provide a method of removal for less tangible offenses such as lies told to the media, or general contempt for the nation.

And while the excuse, "I don't recall," which has long been a popular tool of subpoenaed members of this administration (see: Alberto Gonzales), may pass legal muster, it is far less likely to be taken seriously by a concerned public.

It stands to reason that if we can elect a person into office, we should also be able to elect that person out.



## Letters To The Editor

### Dormant Volcanoes

Since the beginning of the academic year until about three weeks ago, I followed both the SGA and faculty and wrote various reports on each for *The Cynic*. Most every Tuesday I would sit through hours-long meetings reporting on debates, decisions, and delegations. On top of this, I have attended day-long Board of Trustees meetings, rushing between Billings and Memorial Lounge while the student body ambles between classes. I like to think I know a thing or two about the politics of our University.

I can say that I am severely disappointed in the action taken by my peers. Not once have I seen another student, outside of the occasional *Cynic* photographer, at any of these meetings. I tried my best to relay the news of these events to the public, but *The Cynic* publishes only once a week, and often issues have to wait days on end before they're made public via printing.

Just recently in my intro to sociology class, we debated over the livable wages issue being prompted by the recent hunger strike. The tension in the air was thick, and I could clearly hear the passion in the words being spoken. It cannot be denied that our community cares greatly.

However, I feel the debates end at the classroom for many students. The fire is snuffed out, leaving only a select few to carry out the task of actually fighting for issues of importance.

I have not attended any progressively active club meetings, so I cannot account for what happens in such gatherings. Of what I have seen though, I can say that the majority of undergraduates with titles of authority have done little to wield the power granted to them.

I am most disgusted by the fact that through every Board of Trustees meeting I've sat through, the student representative has said few, if any, words. I've watched as Jess Banks, Seth Bowdon and Sean Haggerty, all respected and high-ranking representatives, sit quietly for hours on end at the corner of vast tables, sifting through inch-thick packets of paper while discussions of budgeting and financing are tossed about by men and women in suites who sip at lemon water taken from the dainty refreshment table set out for their pleasure.

Often, those witnessing the Board of Trustees meeting alongside me are middle-aged men and women who have nothing to do but scratch in notebooks and give me the old up-and-down. I am shocked that my presence is often met with such disdain. It is my University after all, isn't it?

The SGA is an under-used avenue of reform. Attend a meeting and make your representatives do something about the issues you hold most important. We have a very real power to attack the system.

I plead the public to bind together. There are dormant volcanoes of activism at this school which, if awakened, have the ability to change what needs to change. The pieces are set in place. Will we play the game?

-Thomas Payeur-

### The Bearded Man

He had a beard, white and long, and carried a guitar. He loved the lord, and wandered the fading bricks of River Street, singing songs amidst thousands of drunken men and women teeming past him.

It was late on the eve of St. Patrick's Day 2007, and the cool Savannah breeze drifted across the river and over the throngs of people. I spoke with him, and his voice possessed a deep, calming resonance that echoed his physical features. His beard framed a round face, perched atop his oddly squatted torso.

He was incredibly amicable, albeit fairly ignorant and insulting with his close-minded views.

I found his stance on religion, gays and sinners almost amusing in its complete deviation from everything I believe in, but it didn't bother me particularly. He loved Lynrd Skynyrd, and I remember the sincerity in his voice when he expressed his hope that Ronnie Van Zant would be saved on Judgment Day. We chatted for a short while, and parted ways.

Last Thursday while I sat outside the library, reflecting on my completely unproductive few hours (unless you consider drinking three cups of coffee, smoking nine cigarettes and reading 23 pages in three and a half hours being productive), rumors of a Jesus-loving duo wreaking havoc outside of Billings trickled through the grapevine, and grasping my chance to perpetuate my procrastination, I began a short trek.

As I approached the scene, a cluttered smattering of rainbow flags, police cars and a towering sign condemning everything from lazy Catholics to Jesus mockers, Muslims to Buddhists and all homosexuals, lay before me. At the bottom the sign proclaimed, "God Judges You."

I glanced to the outskirts of the

fray, and to my astonishment there stood the man with the beard, twelve hundred miles from where we had last met.

He was mostly silent, observing. He watched as his partner was assailed on all sides, fighting a verbal battle on many fronts.

After a quick catch-up with my bearded pal, I ventured into the eye of the storm. I stood next to a heavy-set young woman bearing a 10-foot staff, adorned with a large rainbow flag at the top.

Her piercing shrieks hurt my ears, and kept me from hearing what the man had to say. She interrupted him, and after he quietly and politely listened to her question, he started to answer. As he began to speak, her thunderous cries of "No one's listening!" and "No one cares what you have to say!" completely overpowered his feeble attempt to answer, again and again.

I understand her anger, her spiteful hate for those who directly condemn her path in life. I agree with her, completely, in her frustration with ignorance, self-righteous fanatical declarations and closed minds. But she, and many of her fellow protestors, were in the wrong.

By denying him his opportunity to speak, to express his way of life, was a direct attack on exactly what she was attempting to convey. As her choices in life are her own, so are his. By denouncing his views as wrong she directly contradicts her greater purpose.

We need to be tolerant of those who disagree with us. That man is no more likely to change his views than any of us, and thrusting beliefs upon him via rude, condescending means stoops to a level far below respect and undermines our cause.

-James Weir-

### Alcohol Problems

Kelly Thorn was a guest speaker in a class of mine on Friday April 20, 2007 to speak about the campus policies regarding the use of illegal substances, ranging from alcohol to marijuana, to the hardest drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

She is a psychologist at the University's Center for Health and Well-being; her job is to help students with drug and alcohol problems. On top of that, she works with the administration of the University helping to draft a sensible, reasonable, clear policies regarding substance use on campus and its effects on the city as a whole, especially the "downtown residents" who are not college students.

Kelly proposed that college is a time to learn responsibilities that must be applied later in life. I completely agree; leaving home and moving into a dorm with thousands of strangers is a new and exciting challenge.

But she stressed the idea of harm reduction; the leaders and authorities, officers of the law and so on, are actually and legitimately interested in the health and wellbeing of those they are "regulating."

I disagree with this assessment. Drug and alcohol policies are a system of social control. The idea is to seek out and destroy illegal use, and in so doing, reform UVM's image as a party school. The fact that our own administration sees its students — the life, the spark and the culture of the university — as "wastoids" is deeply

troubling.

There are many analogies to be found throughout history. When Congress ended the legal consumption of alcohol in the 1920s, marijuana use spiked and people sought out stronger liquor like moonshine.

The result was the rise of organized crime. The national movement of alcohol became a very serious and profitable business. It has become a serious business here too, only smuggling takes place in the shuffling between parking lots and dorm rooms, where 30-racks of Pabst and cheap whiskey are snuck into the dorms in backpacks and hockey bags.

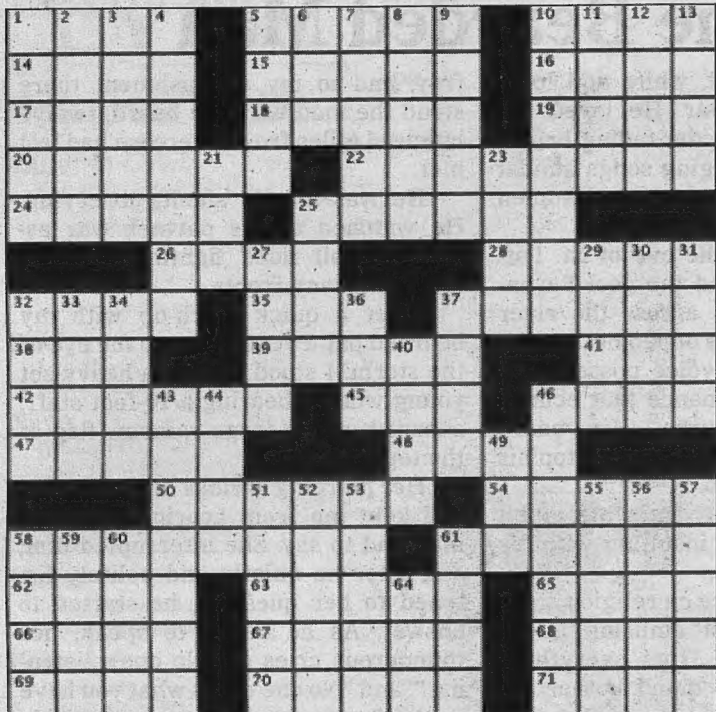
The Iron Law of Prohibition states that, when any substance is prohibited, those who wish to use the substance will find it, and it will be more potent. The effect here is obvious, it is easier and safer for a student to drink and conceal hard alcohol, than beer. As a result, cheap liquor and irresponsibility have become more popular.

Complete prohibition — whether nationally or confined to this University — is not effective. Students' interests would best be served in learning how to drink moderately and responsibly, by creating an environment where kids can meet one another, push themselves academically, socially, sexually and so produce a better, more productive, more intelligent, member of society

-Ezra Hagerty-



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### ACROSS

- 1- Track event  
5- Defeats  
10- Woven fabric  
14- On or towards the Mediterranean, for example  
15- Rate  
16- Wheel shaft  
17- Nicholas II was the last Russian one  
18- Coral island  
19- Spool  
20- The game of hurling  
22- Pert. to first man  
24- Spanish Mister  
25- Womb  
26- Ale, e.g.  
28- Immerse  
32- Competent  
35- Covered vehicle  
37- Faculties  
38- Narrow beam of light  
39- Pertaining to the small intestine  
41- JFK posting  
42- Pleasurable feeling  
45- Oxlike African antelope  
46- German Mrs  
47- Shorthand taker  
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63- Soul  
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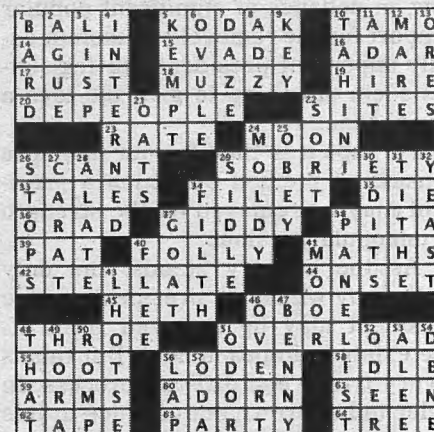
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67- Water vapor  
68- Shrivelled, without moisture  
69- Storage shelter  
70- Grasps  
71- Record with a VCR

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2- Point in question  
3- Get to know  
4- Ring locale  
5- Donkey cry  
6- Consume  
7- European ermine  
8- Sao Paulo feature  
9- Word with panel or energy  
10- Bugle call to assault  
11- Corp. VIP, briefly  
12- Bloodsucking insect  
13- Narrate  
21- Before  
23- Think  
25- Russian range  
27- "The \_\_\_\_\_ Dead", classic horror movie  
29- Manipulator  
30- Bristle  
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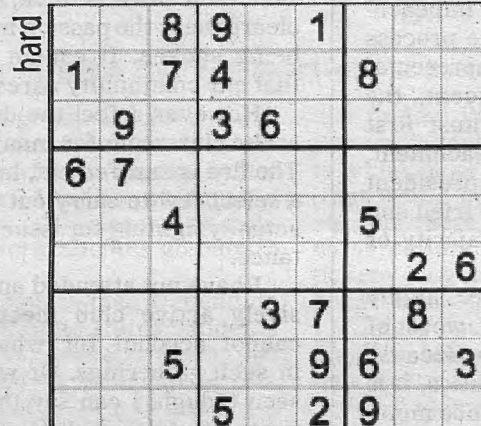
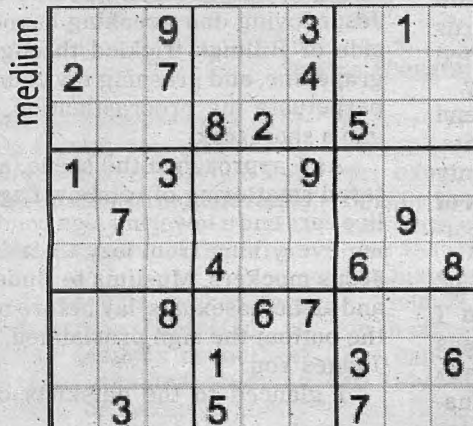
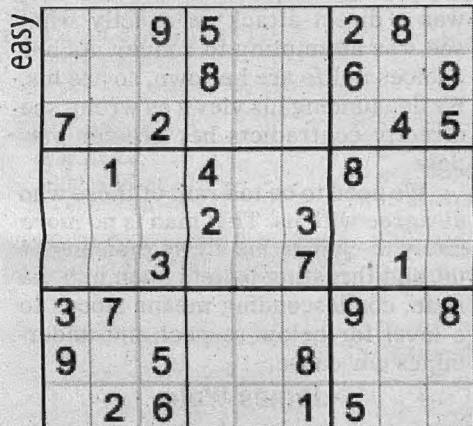
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56- Steep slope  
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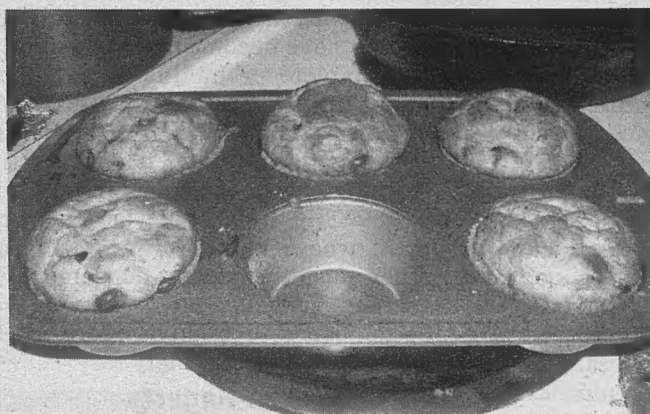


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## College Gourmet



## Banana-Chocolate Chip Muffins

### DIRECTIONS:

- 1 stick butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup sour cream  
4 bananas, mashed (over-ripe bananas work best)  
1 cup flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 to 1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pan with muffin liners.

Beat the sugar and butter together. Add eggs, mix well.

Add baking soda to sour cream. Let sit for a minute, then add to butter mixture. Add bananas and vanilla, and blend well. To this mixture add flour and baking soda. Mix until thoroughly blended, then add the chips.

Distribute batter in muffin cups. Bake on the middle rack of the oven for 25 to 32 minutes.



# Gymnastics Vaults to the Top

Three members of the men's and women's teams displayed their prowess in the final round of nationals

By CORY WILLIAMS

Staff Writer

The UVM men's and women's gymnastics clubs both qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs Championships, which were held on April 13 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The teams spent a week away from campus, renting two 12-passenger vans and braved a 14-hour drive, according to the women's senior captain Alli Shapiro.

The women competed at 1:15 p.m. on Friday afternoon, and the men at 5:30 p.m. that day.

"In the competition, you're allowed to put eight women up per event, and the top four scores count," Shapiro said. "This goes towards your team score."

The women's team finished third out of 10 teams in their session, and came very close to making the team finals.

In the end, the women's team finished tenth out of 50 collegiate gymnastics clubs from across the country.

"We're very proud of ourselves," Shapiro said. "There



(Gary Bruening/UVM Gymnastics)

Members of the men's and women's gymnastics teams pose. The program has been marked by particular success this year as both sects qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs Championships.

was a lot of energy and support, and we really enjoy being around each other."

In terms of individual achievements, the trip was marked with outstanding efforts by seniors Jennifer Whitten and Jason Fleming and sophomore Angus Mudge.

Whitten earned her way to the finals in the balance beam competition by recording a fifth place finish in the preliminary round, which is a great accomplishment, according to Shapiro.

"[Whitten] is very dedicated, and pushes herself hard.

She's my personal gymnastics hero," Shapiro added.

On the men's side of the competition, Fleming competed in the finals of the vault, finishing in seventh place nationally.

"He put his body in a half-twist upside-down in the air,"

Shapiro said.

"He then put his hands on the horse, and did a top-off back layout with his arms underneath."

A layout is when your body is extended to full-length, without bending one's legs.

In the pommel horse competition, Mudge came in fourth place nationally, with a score of 8.550 out of 10.

Mudge's great finish is indicative of the effort he put in this year, Shapiro said.

"We have a lot of new team members this year," Shapiro said. "The enthusiasm and dedication of both the new members and the veterans is rejuvenating and inspiring to me."

The gymnastics club is coached by freshman Kayla Rounds, who has worked closely with the group and helped develop the talent on the team, Shapiro said.

The gymnastics teams pride themselves on being an example of student athletes striving for both a consistently high athletic and academic standard.

While the club spends a lot of time working hard honing their craft, there is also time for fun, according to Shapiro.

"For the two nationals I've gone to, we've always done synchronized swimming," Shapiro said.

"It's an unofficial subdivision of the gymnastics club."

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## Good Week / Bad Week

National sports in a nutshell

A column by *The Cynic Sports Staff*

### Good Week for Beantown Baseball

By JOSH APPELBAUM



For the first time in 17 years, the Boston Red Sox swept the New York Yankees in a three game series at Fenway Park.

After coming back from a four-run eighth inning deficit against Mariano Rivera to win the opener 7-6, the Sox

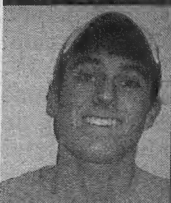
roughed up rookie Bronx Bombers Jeff Karstens and Chase Wright in games two and three to bust out the brooms.

As if the Commonwealth wasn't spoiled enough, Manny, J.D. Drew, Mike Lowell and V-Tek tied the MLB record with four consecutive homers in the bottom of the third in Sunday's finale.

After a long and dismal winter, spring has finally arrived and the Sox are wasting no time in showing the AL East who is boss.

### Good Week for Travis Hafner

By NICK DECARO



Travis Hafner ranks in the top 10 for AL batters in batting average, fourth (.381), fifth in home runs (5), third in on base percentage, and fifth in slugging percentage.

He possesses one of the league's smoothest swings, and from April

18 to April 25 he has been on a tear, hitting .577 with three homers and eight RBI's.

### Bad Week for The Yankees

In the past week the Bronx Bombers have plummeted from first to last in the AL East, allowing the most runs in the majors, and are the only team without a save.

While A-Rod is on fire he has more home runs than the rest of the team combined, and *The Captain* was forced out of action after being hit in the leg by Tampa's flamethrower Scott Kazmir.

Injuries have plagued the Yanks, names like Wang, Pavano and Mussina have all missed starts, putting more pressure on the bullpen and rookies.

Most surprising of all are Mariano Rivera's two blown saves, one against archrival Boston, but don't count George and his ridiculous payroll out yet - it is only April.

### Bad Week for the NHL

By CORY WILLIAMS



The second round of the NHL playoffs got underway on Wednesday night.

In layman's terms, this means seven Canadian-Americans - three stoners who thought they were watching *Blades of Glory* - and Barry Melrose were the only people watching.

Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins played the last month of the season with a broken foot, yet still managed to be the best player on the ice.

### Good Week for Luol Deng

By KAT WILLIAMS



Chicago's Luol Deng helped lead the Bulls to a 4-0 playoff record over last year's NBA champions, the Miami Heat.

In the first game, the Bulls defeated the Heat 96-91. Deng had eight rebounds and 33 points, going 5-5 from the free

throw line and 14-22 from the floor.

Even though Miami lost the second game, Deng finished with 26 points, again hitting 100 percent of his foul shots and making 11-19 from the paint.

The Heat has one more chance to stay alive in the playoffs, but with Deng averaging 27 points in the series, Miami is in big trouble.

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Continued from A12

ular season with a 13-3 overall record and a 5-1 America East record.

With 9:36 left in the first half, the Seawolves were up 10-2.

Vermont tried to stay in the game, scoring two in a row, but Stony Brook ended the half with three straight goals to increase their lead 13-5.

Despite being the first to score in the second half, the Cats couldn't get past the Seawolves' defense.

Stony Brook's Amy Taylor led the Seawolves with three goal and three assists.

Diana Caroleo had a hat trick and an assist as Amy Hallion and Jenna Celano scored three each.

Kaitlin Leggio scored two goals and dished out three assists.

UVM sophomore Kristen Millar scored four goals to lead the Cats.

Millar finished with 64 points, one point shy of tying the single-season record at UVM for most points (65).

The Cats' goalie, junior Meaghan Hanley, made 12 saves while Seawolves' goalie Jen Sandtrov had 15.

Saturday's game was the final regular season game for four seniors: Becky Kenison, Sarah Visinski, Ashleigh Wilson and Christine Yoon.

Kenison was named the Cats' top offensive player as a junior.

One of the best attackers on the team, Kenison recorded 100 career points, making her the seventh UVM player to do so.

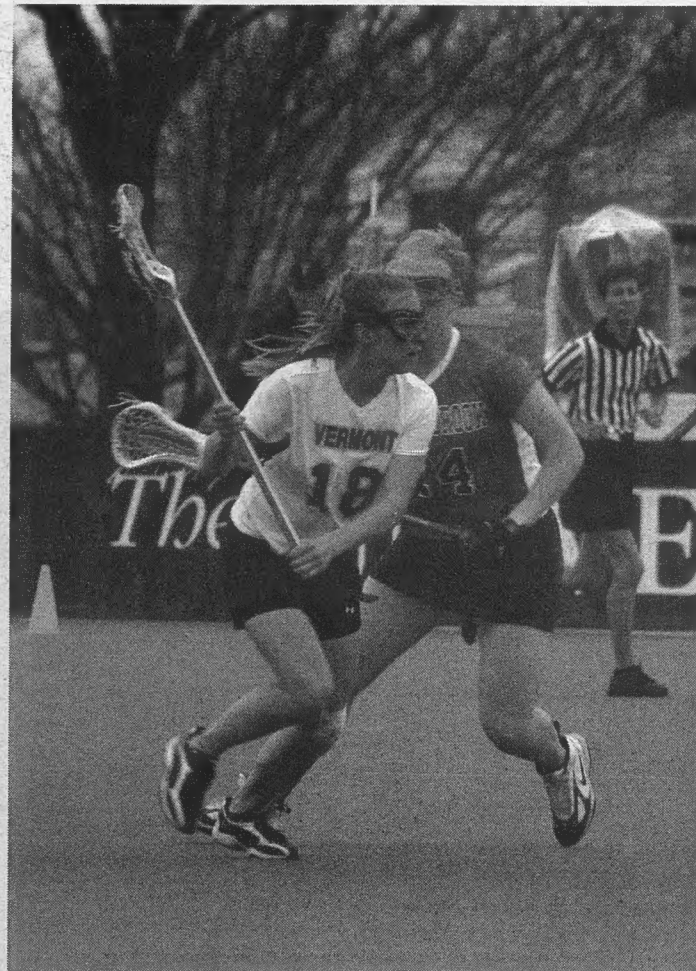
She will leave the team ranked as one of the top 10 all-time leaders in points and goals.

Visinski walked-on to the team her sophomore year and was recently was inducted into the UVM College of Arts and Sciences Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

Wilson is a two-time captain for UVM. She will end her career of 61 games as one of the team's leaders in ground balls.

Wilson leaves the lacrosse program ranking in the top 10 all-time leaders for assists and is second all-time in draw controls and ground balls.

Yoon was the leader of the Cats' defense. In 2005



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Vermont senior Becky Kenison (18) beats her Stony Brook defender in Saturday's contest. Kenison has recorded over 100 points during her career at UVM.

she was voted the team's top defender.

With the loss, Vermont ends the season in sixth

place in the America East conference.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

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pearance in green and gold.

Juniors Shay Cunningham, Andrew Holden and sophomore Luke LaBranche also scored for Vermont.

LaBranche scored his goal after winning the face-off at midfield and running up the gut of the Hartford (2-13, 1-4 America East) defense.

Cunningham finished the game with seven points, assisting on six goals.

Zwirko, Pierson, and Wagar also registered assists for the Catamounts.

Before the game, every UVM senior was honored by the University, and congratulated by their parents at midfield.

Hein led the team with 23 goals on the year, while Zwirko's 29 points were a

UVM high.

Kornuth's 14 assists and LaBranche's .484 face-off percentage were tops on the season.

The departing seniors had nothing but good things to say about the future of Vermont lacrosse, and their experience as Catamounts.

"This team is in good hands with Coach [Ryan] Curtis and Coach [Joe] Kostolansky," Zwirko said. "[We] will start to play tougher schools, resulting in better recruiting."

"I'm pleased with my four years here," Leonard said. "I'm proud of the seniors, but there is a bright future for lacrosse here."



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Senior Dan Zwirko (11) shoots the ball toward the Hartford net in Saturday's game. Zwirko and junior Andrew Pierson each recorded a hat trick.

## SOFTBALL

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an already moist afternoon. After allowing a two-out single to Rachel Eloschuk, Sarah Toczylowski drove her in with a single of her own.

It would prove to be the only support Kern would need as she went the distance, pitching the complete game and then handing over the reins to Daggett for the nightcap.

While the Bearcats did strike three times against the Cats in the second game of the day, a solo home run by Toczylowski and pair of RBI doubles by juniors Elena Rizza and Whitney Borisenok proved to be the difference with the Cats coming away with a 5-3 victory.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, Kern once again displayed her dominance, holding the Bearcats to just one run in the first inning scattering just two hits the rest of the way.

Despite the brilliance of Kern,

the highlight of the day was indisputably the strong, and often remarkable fielding defense of the Catamounts.

Several acrobatic catches by outfielders and infielders, gave Kern the confidence and security she needed to continue on her way.

In the fourth inning, sophomore right fielder Hayley Crosby robbed a Binghamton hitter of a deep single, making a nice stretch play to get the out. Again in the sixth, Crosby gave the Catamounts another of several one-two-three innings by making a nice grab for the third out.

The Catamounts got all the offense it need in the bottom of the third with a two-RBI double by Rizza that just escaped the diving glove of a Bearcats outfielder.

The weekend sweep was the first by the Catamounts since 2004, when they went three-for-three against UMBC.

The trio of victories brought the Catamounts to 12-26 on the season and 5-13 in America East play with five games remaining, three of them league contests.



(Adam Briere/Vermont Cynic)

Junior Whitney Borisenok (6) swings as the rest of the Vermont team cheers from the bench. The Cats continue their homestand on Tuesday.



## MAY 1

CONFERENCE  
STANDINGS

## A-East Men's Lacrosse

1. Albany	12-1 (4-0)
2. UMBC	8-4 (3-1)
3. Stony Brook	8-3 (2-2)
4. Binghamton	3-8 (2-2)
5. Vermont	4-10 (1-4)
6. Hartford	2-13 (1-4)

## A-East Women's Lacrosse

1. Stony Brook	13-3 (5-1)
2. Boston U.	10-5 (5-1)
3. New Hampshire	7-9 (4-2)
4. Albany	7-8 (3-3)
5. UMBC	7-10 (2-4)
6. Vermont	5-12 (2-4)
7. Binghamton	1-14 (0-6)

## A-East Baseball

1. Binghamton	15-11-0 (9-2-0)
2. Stony Brook	1-16-0 (8-3-0)
3. Vermont	13-17-0 (4-3-0)
4. Hartford	9-23-0 (6-5-0)
5. Maine	12-20-0 (4-4-0)
6. Albany	15-19-0 (2-6-0)
7. UMBC	9-25-0 (1-11-0)

## A-East Softball

1. Boston U.	27-9-0 (11-2-0)
2. Stony Brook	24-13-0 (10-3-0)
3. Hartford	18-18-0 (8-4-0)
4. UMBC	26-13-0 (9-5-0)
5. Maine	23-13-0 (6-7-0)
6. Albany	23-13-0 (5-7-0)
7. Vermont	9-25-0 (2-12-0)
8. Binghamton	5-25-0 (1-12-0)

WELCOME TO  
CATAMOUNT  
COUNTRY

## THIS WEEK AT UVM (5.1-5.7)

## Tuesday (5.1)

Softball vs. Dartmouth (2) (3p.m.)

## Wednesday (5.2)

Baseball @ Massachusetts (3p.m.)

## Thursday (5.3)

Men's Lacrosse @ A-East Semifinals

## Friday (5.4)

Baseball @ Maine (6p.m.)

## Saturday (5.5)

Men's Lacrosse @ A-East Finals

Track and Field @ A-East Championships (10a.m.)

Baseball @ Maine (2) (12p.m.)

Softball vs. Boston U. (2) (12p.m.)

## Sunday (5.6)

Track and Field @ A-East Championships (9a.m.)

Softball vs. Boston U. (12p.m.)

Baseball @ Maine (1p.m.)

## LAST WEEK (4.24-4.30)

## Softball

11-26 (4-13 A-East)

@ Albany (4.26)

UVM 000-000-0 - 0

Albany 202-012-X - 7

vs. Binghamton (2) (4.28)

UVM 000-010-X - 1

Binghamton 000-000-0 - 0

UVM 302-000-X - 5

Binghamton 000-001-2 - 3

vs. Binghamton (4.29)

UVM 022-000-X - 4

Binghamton 010-000-0 - 1

Men's Lacrosse

4-10 (1-4 A-East)

vs. Hartford (4.28)

UVM 3-7-7-3 - 20

Hartford 6-2-2-2 - 12

Women's Lacrosse

5-12 (2-4 A-East)

vs. Stony Brook (4.28)

UVM 5-4 - 9

Stony Brook 13-5 - 18

Baseball

18-18-0 (7-4 A-East)

vs. Dartmouth (4.24)

UVM 020-035-01X - 11

Dartmouth 000-300-020 - 5

@ Quinnipiac (4.25)

UVM 000-251-100 - 9

Hartford 000-002-411 - 8

vs. UMBC (4.27)

UVM 001-002-000 - 3

UMBC 001-110-201 - 6

vs. UMBC (2) (4.28)

UVM 000-105-X - 6

UMBC 000-001-1 - 2

UVM 230-140-X - 10

UMBC 100-000-0 - 1

vs. UMBC (4.29)

UVM 220-000-00X - 4

UMBC 100-100-100 - 3

The  
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Editor-in-Chief

## Welcome, Mr. Moss

Holy tornado! I cannot wait for Sunday, Sept. 9.

After all of the Patriots' moving and shaking so far this off-season, you could color me excited.

The trade for Randy Moss was simply the sugary-sweet icing on the cake.

I'm kind of scared for next season. I don't know what I'll do when I see the first Brady-to-Moss bomb go 50 yards for a touchdown. I may lose it.

After suffering through a season that was devoid of any real downfield threat or a big-time, go-to, big-play receiver, this is like Christmas, but better.

Barring injuries, this trade could turn into 16 Christmases before the clock strikes 12:00 a.m. on Dec. 25.

I was just telling someone — while reveling in the glory of acquiring a 6'4" receiver with speed, hops and game — how incredible it was to watch Moss play at Marshall.

During his first seasons with the Vikings it was much the same.

This move to get Moss only cost the Patriots their fourth-round pick in this year's draft, a small price to pay for a guy who is capable of Hall of Fame-type dominance.

Moss is a freak and a threat of a caliber with which Tom Brady has not yet worked.

In fact, he's really the first big receiver the Pats have had in some time.

During the three Super Bowl runs the Pats' receiving corps was remarkably undersized. Aside from their tight ends, a six-foot pass catcher was well above average.

All told, with Moss, New England has four new wide receivers going into next season.

Earlier in their ambitious off-season, the Patriots acquired Donte Stallworth, Wes Welker and Kelley Washington.

The list of possible weapons is now a name longer and meatier — Lawrence Maroney coming out of the backfield, a solid-as-usual cadre of tight ends and what now appears to be an explosive group of receivers — all to complement No. 12's level head and golden right arm.

But aside from all of the potential glory, some folks may still take issue with the Randy Moss trade. The problem being that Randy Moss's attitude and ego are equally as famous as his talent and skillset.

Will this gamble work to their advantage or will it go over like an M-80 at a poetry reading?

I'm inclined to think this will work out beautifully. Simply put, Belichick doesn't make a move that he hasn't already worked out in every possible direction. And, on top of that, this was a move the Patriots had been contemplating for a while.

Personnel gambles had been taken before: Corey Dillon had a reputation before landing in Foxboro, and then he had a breakout season; Rodney Harrison had accrued plenty of baggage before turning into a team leader.

The fact is people want to play for the Patriots.

Winning is infectious, and during the last five-plus years New England has been in the ICU.

I imagine a healthy dose of Ws will straighten Randy Moss right out.

## BASEBALL

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Vermont was able to strike first in the fourth inning with two runs coming off RBIs from Henry, and a sac fly from Gallipani.

UVM exploded for five more runs in the fifth to jump out to a 7-0 lead. Junior Kyle Massie, who was two-for-four in the game singled in a run and a Henry homer drove in two more.

Vermont then tacked on another run with doubles by sophomore Jeff Heppner and senior Will Huntington to give the Cats a 9-2 lead.

Vermont starter, sophomore Keith Rakus improved to 3-1. He pitched a stellar first five innings shutting out the Bobcats, but ran into trouble in the sixth. He allowed five earned runs on seven hits, and struck out four while going six and a third innings.

Quinnipiac fought back scoring four in the seventh and one in the eighth, which closed the gap to two.

Vermont countered with three pitchers out of the pen to hold on to win, sophomore Nate Matusick pitched out of a jam in the seventh, Henry pitched the eighth, and Rembisz came in to shut the door and earn his first save of the year in the ninth.

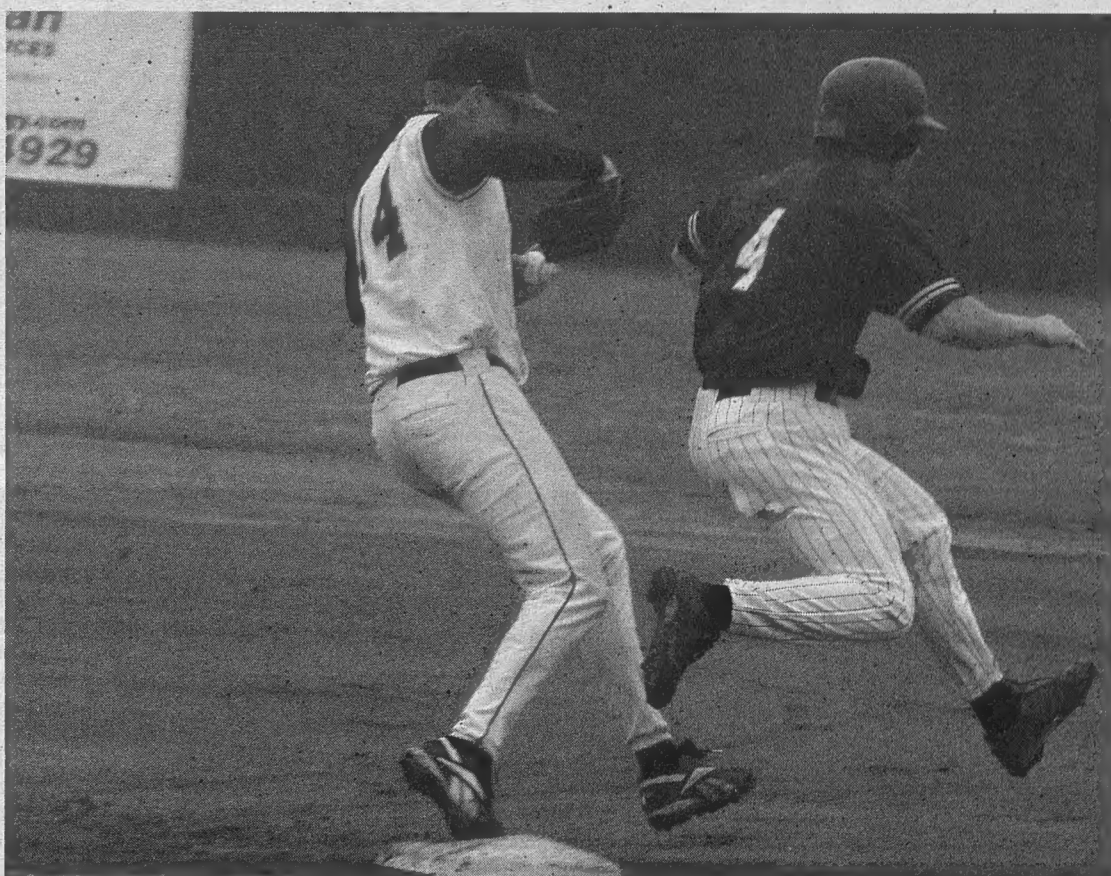
## Friday 4/27: Vermont 3, UMBC 6

Vermont's only setback this week was losing the opener of the series with the Retrievers. UMBC rallied, scoring three times in the final three innings to set the Catamounts back to 4-4 in America East.

Vermont's Jim Chapman went two-for-four in the game, including a double in the third. Ethan Paquette drove in Chapman to get the Cats on the board. UVM tied it in the sixth on a sac fly from Huntington, and an error that allowed another run to cross the plate.

UMBC struck back with two in the seventh and one more in the ninth to provide the final margin.

Vermont's Brandon Miles was tagged with the loss, but pitched well, going six and a third allowing three earned on seven hits. UMBC's Will Delawter was stellar pitch-



Junior Eric Thomson (14) runs with a UMBC player in Sunday's contest. Thompson started and played six full innings to record his first America East victory of the season. He gave up six hits, walked two and struck out three to increase his overall record to 3-4.

ing a complete game allowing only two earned runs.

## Saturday 4/28: Game 1: Vermont 6, UMBC 2

Kyle Henry pitched a complete game five hitter, allowing only two runs, while striking out six to pick up his fourth win of the season. He did not allow a run until the sixth inning.

Headed into the bottom of the sixth tied at one, the Catamounts struck for five runs to take the lead. Ethan Paquette was three-for-three in the game with two RBIs and drove in the go ahead run in the sixth.

Jeff Heppner, two-for-three, drove in another run with a single up the middle, and then Gallipani doubled down the line to bring in the third run of the inning.

The Catamounts were not done, as Matusick singled to drive in two more to cap the five run rally.

Henry did the rest, shutting down the UMBC offense and pitching his fifth complete game this season to give the Catamounts the win in the

opener.

## Game 2: Vermont 10, UMBC 1

Vermont completed the Saturday sweep of the double-header, pounding out 11 hits and 10 runs in the nightcap to bury the Retrievers.

Sophomore Justin Albert pitched a gem, going the distance and allowed only one run on five hits, and struck out two to earn his third win of the season.

Bryan Rembisz went 3-for-four with three RBIs, a home run and a steal. Jim Chapman, and Kyle Henry both drove in two runs, while Ethan Paquette and Will Huntington also drove in a run each.

Nick Gallipani was two-for-three in the game with a steal for the Catamounts.

Vermont struck for two in the first, three in the second, one in the fourth, and then pounded out four more runs in the fifth to provide plenty of run support for Albert.

With the win Vermont has now won seven of its last nine and improved to 17-18 overall and 6-4 in America East play, putting the Catamounts in

third place.

## Sunday 4/29: Vermont 4, UMBC 3

Vermont won its third straight game behind solid performances from pitchers Eric Thompson and Keith Rakus.

Thompson, who picked up his second win of the week pitched six and two thirds innings giving up three runs on six hits striking out three.

Rakus closed the door the final two and a third innings allowing no runs on two hits and struck out one to pick up his second save of the season.

Vermont did all of its scoring in the first and second, snagging a pair of runs in each inning and holding on to win.

Will Huntington and Kyle Massie were each two for four with and RBI in the game.

In the first Jim Chapman got the Cats on the board with an RBI single that plated Huntington, who had a lead off double. Massie then doubled home Chapman to give Vermont the lead.

Huntington and Bryan Rembisz provided RBIs in the second and it was all the Cata-

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